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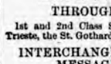

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2. Forms giving particulars of the approximate quantities required for delivery at Bombay and Ajmer and conditions on which Tenders will be received may be obtained on application at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, and from the Deputy Storekeeper's Office, Ajmer.

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" " 3 Kerosine oil Parel delivery.
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" " 6 Do. Ajmer delivery.
" " 7 Cocoanut oil Parel delivery.
" " 8 Leather goods Ajmer delivery.

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3. The Agent reserves the right to select one or more items from any Tender without reference to the other items on the same Tender and the Tenderer will be required to supply at the rate quoted and sign an agreement for the due fulfilment of the contract.

4. Tenders should be superscribed "Tenders for Indigenous Stores" &c., and a deposit of Rs. 1,000 (One thousand) must accompany all or any of the 8 Tenders without which no Tender will be considered. In the event of a Contractor whose tender has been accepted failing to execute the Contract, the above deposit will be liable to forfeiture at the discretion of the Agent.

5. If Government Paper and other Securities be submitted they must be endorsed in favour of the Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Company.

6. A further deposit will have to be made by the successful Tenderer so as to make the total deposit equal to five per cent of the total amount of the accepted Tenders. No interest will be allowed on cash deposits.

7. All Stores to be in accordance with the Company's samples which may be seen at Parel or Ajmer.

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R. WOOLCOMBE,
Chief Storekeeper.

CHIEF STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE,
PAREL BOMBAY, *18th September, 1906.*

CITY OF BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

DEBENVURE LOAN, 1906.

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NOTIFICATION.

WITH the sanction of the Government of India and under the provisions of Sections 52—59 of the City of Bombay Improvement Act, 1898 (assented to by the Governor-General of India), the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay hereby invite Tenders for Rs. 20 lakhs bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum repayable in sixty years. It is not the intention of the Trustees to issue any further Debenture Loan during the current financial year.

2. Under Section 20 *(f)* of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, the High Court has passed a rule authorizing the investment of Trust Moneys in Debentures issued by the Board.

3. The guarantee for the fulfilment of the Board's liabilities provided in the Act includes, *inter alia*, a provision (Section 80) that, in the event of any default being made by the Board in any payment of interest due under Sections 52 and 54 (including interest on the Board's Debentures) or in setting aside and investing any sum required for the Sinking Fund for redemption of the Board's Debentures, the Accountant General of Bombay or other Officer for the time being performing the duties of the Office of the said Accountant-General shall make such payment or set aside and invest such sum as may be required to be paid or to be set aside and invested.

4. Debentures will be issued payable to the applicant or order and will be transferable by endorsement.

5. Debentures will be issued for sums of Rs. 500 or multiples of Rs. 500, as may be required ; they will be repayable in Bombay in sixty years from 2nd October 1906 and will bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on 1st January and 1st July in Bombay at the Head Office of the Bank of Bombay or, subject to notification, at the Office of the Trustees in Bombay.

6. The interest on Debentures enfaced for payment of interest in Calcutta will be payable at the Head Office of the Bank of Bengal.

7. Three per cent. of the amount tendered for to be deposited on application ; the balance to be paid on or before the 31st day of December 1906.

8. Anticipated interest at 4 per cent. per annum will be paid from date of payment in full up to 31st December 1906 at the time of issue of Debentures.

9. The deposit of 3 per cent, will be returned (but no interest will be allowed) if no allotment is made and will be forfeited if an allotment is not fully paid up by the 31st day of December 1906.

10. Tenders should be submitted in a sealed cover addressed to the Secretary, Bombay Improvement Trust, and subscribed "Tenders for Improvement Trust Loan." They will be received up to 12 o'clock noon (Standard Time) on the 2nd October, 1906, and they will thereafter be opened in the presence of the Chairman of the Improvement Trust.

11. Printed Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

12. The Board reserve to themselves the right of refusing Tenders if they consider the rates offered to be too low, but, subject to this reservation, allotments will be made in full to the highest Tenderers, and rateably to the Tenderers offering the lowest rate accepted by the Board. Provided that no allotment will be issued if the amount distributable to any Tenderer is less than Rs. 500.

13. As a condition to the issue of this loan, the Board under Section 55 (2) of the City of Bombay Improvement Act reserve and set apart Debentures to the aggregate nominal value of Rs. 1 lakh for the investment of Sinking Funds, and the rate at which the Trustees will take up the Debentures so reserved will be the average rate of the accepted tenders.

By order of the Board,
W. N. SHILSTONE,
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Bombay, 20th September, 1906.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay up to 1 P. M. on WEDNE-DA , the 10th day of October 1906, for works in PIPE SEWERS, MANHOLES, FLUSH-TANKS etc., for the Malabar Hill sub-districts Nos 2 and 3

2. Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may, on payment of Rs. 10, be obtained from the Deputy Executive Engineer, Drainage, Special Branch, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 2,500 to be paid to the Chief Accountant in cash, or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the Contract.

4. A further payment to make the total deposit equivalent to 5 per cent, on the estimated Contract amount, less the cost of articles to be supplied by the Commissioner under the Contract, will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

6. The contract rates for a similar work in Malabar Hill Sub district No. 1 are kept open for inspection by the Tenderers in the Office of the Dy. Exe. Engineer, Drainage Special Branch.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner.

JOSEPH HALL, M. INST. C.E., M.I. MECH. E., &c.
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

Executive Engineer's Office,
Bombay, 20th Sep., 1906.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of KALIDAS SUNDERJI late of Bombay Pushkarna Brahmin Inhabitant, Book Seller, deceased.

JAMNAVAHU, Widow of KALIDAS SUNDERJI, the deceased abovenamed, of Bombay Pushkarna Brahmin Inhabitant, residing at Dadar outside the Fort of Bombay on behalf of and for the use and benefit of LADHU KALIDAS and BHAGWANJI KALIDAS the minor sons of the said deceased and limited to the period of their respective minorities.....Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS K. C. I. E. Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, This Twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six and in the Sixth year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJEE,
Registrar.

The Seal of the High Court of Bombay.

A. M. KAJIJI.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	86 3/8	=	— 3/16
2½ per cent. Reales	86 3-4 ex	=	+ 1/4
2½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	103	=	— 1/4
2½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Paper	65 1/8	=	unchanged

SILVER—

Spot in London	31 1/2	=	+ 3/16
2 months bence	31 3/8	=	+ 3/16
Spot in New York	68	=	+ 3/8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·19 1/2	=	+ 1/2
Berlin cheques	20·44	=	unchanged
New York Demand	483 3/8	=	— 1/4

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	pr. ct. =	unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	4 1/8	" =	"
6 months' sight Bank Bills	4 1/4	" =	"
3 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	4 3/8	" =	"
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	4 3/8	" =	"

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	2 3/4	" =	"
7 day market loans	3 5/8	" =	"

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £75,000 for S. America.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 1,00,00,000.

Rs. 50·90	were allotted to	Calcutta.
Rs. 11·90	do	Bombay.
Rs. 10·70	do	Madras.

79/10

At 1s. 4 1-16d.

Minimum rate received 15 per cent. average rate 16·08.

Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs. 20·90	were allotted to	Calcutta.
Rs. Nil	do	Bombay.
Rs. "	do	Madras.

20·90

At 1s. 4 3-32d.

Minimum rate received 15 per cent. average rate 16·08.

Total amount sold during week Rs. 1,02,10,000

Amount to be allotted next week " 1,00,00,000

Extra allotments bills on Madras Rs. 70,000 at 1s. 4 3/32d.

TALLOW.

Finest Australian Beef 35.

Finest Australian Mutton 35/6.

Tone of Auction Firmer.

SUGAR—

German granulated c.f. India double bags 12-4 1/2 Oct., Dec sellers steady.

METALS—

Copper Braziers £ 97-0-0 + £ 1

Yellow metal 7 3-4

Tin Plates £ 0-12-1 1-2

Bar Iron Belgian £ 5-17-6.

Iron Corrugated Sheets £ 12-12-6.

Basic Steel Bars £ 6-0-0

RUBBER—

Para Rubber 5 2 1/2 sellers.

WHEAT—Red Karachi 29 Oct-Nov. buyers steady.

RAPESEED—

Yellow Gunzerat 44 1/2 April May sellers firm.

Yellow Cawnpore 44 1/4 A.-M. sellers firm.

Brown 50 plus 1/2 Sep-Oct sellers firm.

LINSEED—

Linseed Bold 41 5/8 plus 1/4 Sept.-Oct. done firmer.

COFFEE—

Coffee in New York 8 1/4—1/8.

SKIN SALES.

Sheep skin sale closed to-day. good demand.

Madras medium 1d. lower. Bombay firm and prices par to 1/2d higher.

IN LIVERPOOL—

Cotton Market closed	quiet
East Indian	quiet
Manchester	steady
Total Sales	7,000
Spot	5·05 — 2
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	9 5/8
Sold on speculation and for Export	500
Imports	1,000
Futures closed	steady

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·00	5·04	5·03
— 6	— 5	— 5
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·04	5·05	5·07
— 6	— 6	— 6
Mar.-Apr.	Apr.-May	May-June.
5·10	5·11	5·13
— 5	— 6	— 5

Receipts at U. S. Ports	22,000
Do. last year	38,000
Exports to Great Britain	6,000
Do. do. Continent	1,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	9·75
Futures, month of Dec.	9·25 +4
Do. month of March	9·50 +5

* Declined early owing to official weather reports considered favorable and advanced later through bull support and short covering.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	9 5/16
Futures, month of Oct.	9·22 +4
Do. month of Dec.	9·26 +5
Tone at close	steady

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m. on 19 Sept.

Cotton	350	bales.
Wheat	12,427	cwts.
Linseed	2,011	do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	563	do
Gingellyseed	11	do
Poppyseed	424	do
Groundnuts	121	do
Castorseed	3,943	do
Rice	4,501	do
Myrabolams	314	do
Cottonseed	2,721	do
Mowrasseed	242	do
Gram	278	do
Joowar	3,360	do
Maize	nil	

BOMBAY, THURSDAY EVENING.

A rise of 3/16ths. in London and of 3/8ths in New York is reported in Silver, while Consols have declined 3/16ths. to 86 3/8. Other financial items are unchanged.

The Bank of Bengal official rate was to-day raised to 7 per cent. with the cash balance 32 lakhs down. This is probably due to withdrawals for the approaching Durga Puja holidays. The Bank of Bombay rate is unchanged at 5 per cent., and the Bank of Madras rate is raised 1 per cent. to 5 per cent.

The Liverpool cotton market closed quiet with a decline of 5 to 6 points in futures, while New York advises a rise of 4 to 5 points in futures. Our local cotton market is firm to-day with a good enquiry from exporters for new crops, which, in the absence of sellers, are raised about Rs. 2 to 3. In spot cotton there is also a very good demand at advancing prices, and a good turnover is reported at Colaba.

The Rupee Paper market closes weak at Rs. 97 for cash and forward delivery.

The following are closing shares quotations.

Petits	Rs. 3,617 1/2	Oct.
Davids	" 500	"
Kohinoors	" 777 1/2	"
Colaba Land	" 1,200	"

EXCHANGE—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	...	...	Is. 4 1/16d.
Bank Demand	...	...	Is. 4 3/32d.
Credit Bills	3 Months' Sight	D. A.	Is. 4 11/32d.
Do.	6 do.	do.	Is. 4 1/2d.
French Francs	3 do.	do.	171
Marks	3 do.	do.	139 3/4
Hongkong	30 Days' Sight		160
Shanghai	30 do.	do.	218
Japan	30 do.	do.	150 1/2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1/2 per cent. Tone weak.

Cash	...	97·0
1st Settlement.	1st October	97·0

Money Market, Tone steady.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England	since 13th Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 12th	5	do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 20th	7	do.
Bank of Madras	do. 18th	5	do.

COTTON QUOTATIONS.

NEW CROPS—

M G Bengals fine	Nov.	Rs.	194
Do. fine	Dec.	"	192
Do. fine	Jan.	"	191-2
M G Dhamangaon fine		"	211
M G Nagpur fine		"	217
M G Khandeish fully good		"	192
Do. fine		"	198
M G K A fine		"	201
H G Bengals fully good		"	176 1/2
M G Broach good		"	229 1/2
Do. do fine		"	238

SEEDS.

LINSEED.—Tone steady

Ready	Rs.	7-1-0
Forward April-May	Rs.	7-0-0

RAPESEED.—Tone steady.

Brown Delhi. Ready	Rs.	8-6-0
Do. Forward April-May	Rs.	7-8-0
Yellow Guzerat Ready	Rs.	9-0-0

POPPYSEED.—Tone firm.

Ready	Rs.	8-8-0
Forward April-May	Rs.	7-13-0

CASTORSEED.—Tone firm.

Ready	Rs.	41-8
Forward April-May	Rs.	34-0

GINGELLYSEED.—Tone steady.

15 per cent. Mixed	Rs.	40-0
25 "	Rs.	39-0
50 "	Rs.	38-0
Black Delhi	Rs.	37-0

WHEAT.—Tone steady.

White Delhi April-May ... Rs. 4-8

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	steady.
Estimated sales	8,000 bales.
Imports	nil

Sep.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·12	5·07	5·06
plus 3	plus 3	plus 3
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·07	5·08	5·10
plus 3	plus 3	plus 3
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May.-June.
5·13	5·14	5·16
plus 3	plus 3	plus 3

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THE Venice S N Co's steamer Caboto, 2764 tons, Captain E Giacopello, will sail to-day for Calcutta via Colombo, with a general cargo.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's steamer Imperator, 2,330 tons, Captain F Mosca, arrived in harbour yesterday from Trieste, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Chanda, tons. Captain J W C Tree, sailed yesterday for Antwerp, with a general cargo, and Mr Monahan and Mr McInness as passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Nowshera, 1,961 tons, Captain G R Elton, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo and 3 deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
20	Imperator s	Mosca	Trieste, Sept 3
	Sofola s	Symmers	Calcutta, Sept 8
	Noshera s	Elton	Calcutta, Aug 17

DEPARTURES.

Sept.	Vessel	Commander.	Destination.
20	Kasara s	Cuthbush	Persian Gulf
	Chanda s	Tice	Antwerp

The steamer Caboto, Captain Giacopello, obtained her port-clearance yesterday for Calcutta.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Creive Hall, for Newport.
" Sofola, for Calcutta &c.
" Nadir, for Persian Gulf.
" Shah Nizam, for Jeddah &c.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's steamer Chupra left Portsaid on the afternoon of the 19th instant.

The B I S N Co's steamer Virawa passed Lisbon on the afternoon of the 19th instant.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Gordon arrived London on the morning of the 19th instant.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Sept.	Vessels.	Names.	From
16	Catherine Apcar	W D Thomas	Hongkong
17	Uriana	J R T Butler	Rangoon
	Fulwell	J G Saville	Madras
	Syriana	J Younger	Rangoon
	Rheinfels	G D Dirks	Chittagong
	Malwoda	H W Armstrong	Liverpool

DEPARTURES.

Queramba	W B Smith	Bombay
Orcella	S Zonnaroo	A Ports
Flamingo	J Mackintosh	Colombo
Scindia	H R Holt	Bombay
Begumia	R. Goodridge	Karachi
Venetia	J McMorran	Hongkong

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Sept	Vessel.	From
14	Clan Grant	Liverpool
15	Dilwara	London
17	Tara	Colombo
	Tyr	Calcutta

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No. 3930 Cadet H Catley and No. 3931 Cadet P Boyton-Salts, to "H" coy.
No. 3932 Lcder O Nock, to "I" Coy.
200. Transfers—The following transfers are made with effect from this date :—
No. 3422 Vol S Varlon from "D" to "A" Coy.
No. 3778 Vol C Dudley from "D" to "A" Coy.
201. Medals—Applications for Vol Long Service Medals should reach Adjutant's Office by the 25th instant.
202. Resignation—No. 4202 Bugler W Smith, "D" Coy having left the station is struck off the strength of the Corps.

P. R. CADELL, Major.
Acting Adjt. B. V. R.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. IMPERATOR.

The following is the list of passengers arrived by the s. s. Imperator, Captain F. Mosca, from Trieste yesterday morning :—

Miss Bowill, Mr and Mrs Chandler, Revd Castelli, Mr and Mr Doelly, Revd Sister Evangelin, rs Gold, Revd Gilardi, Mr Girgen, r and Mrs H Gilmore and 2 infants, Revd Hoskomayer, Miss Exner, Mr Kuhner, Mr and Mrs Michael and child, Mr R I Mehta, Revd Neukamer, Mr and Mrs Fehlmann and infant, Revd Pedrotti, Revd Poldraglio, Mr B R athak, Mr Bunsoy, Lt Quarpel, Revd Rho, Revd Sieski, Revd and Mrs Belch, Mr Stiebe, Mr O Stalf, Revd and Mrs Chamidt, Miss Seburtes, Revd Sicro, Mr Schonert, Mr and J K Sourrow, Mr and Mrs Taylor, Mrs Thomas, r S M Tabac, r J Vahli, Mr V Varbaid, and infant, Revd Verousel, Revd Vienoras Revd Wilkowski, Col J C Watson, Mr J Ziesler, Miss Ziesler, Revd, sisters 2.

HIGH COURT.—SEPT. 21.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice CHANDAVARKAR.)

For an exparte decree.

97-02—Malvi R M and R—Devkinandan Beharilal vs Revlicharan Ramdas.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

435-00—Mulla and M—Dhanjeebhoy Raghoo and anothers vs Nuheraly Moraj and another—Thakurdas and Co and G G W and Co

For further directions and Costs on Acting Commissioners Report.

785-02—Nanu H and Co—Curondas Natha vs Muljee Purshotam and another—Nanu and Co and Little and Co

Long Causes.

140-06—Wadia G and Co—Motiji Premji and others vs Venayek Waman Pranjpe and others—Edgelow G W and Co.

430-16-198-05—Nanu H and Co—Jehangir Formusji Mody and others vs A N Templeton—Edgelow G W and Co.

773-05—M H Chothia—The Advocate General of Bombay vs Sayed Nurudin bin Sayed Hasamudin and others—C and Vaidya.

887-05—Matubhai J and M—Dhanjeebhoy Cooverjee vs Jethabhai Nursey—Wadia G and Co.

109-06—Matubhai J and M—Champsey Cooverjee vs Jethabhai Nursey and others—Wadia G and Co

566-04—A R Vakil—Bai Ratanbai widow vs Nurrandas Ratansey and others—Craigie L and O and L D and Co.

573-01—Sulla and M—Rustomjee Ardeshir Cooper 20307 vs Mehmad to Mohanji—Scrabjee and J.

122-06—Khanderao and L—Vellbai Gowribai widow—K J Chembria.

108-06—Captain and V—Narmadabai widow vs Vithal Bapu Kacherakai.

319-03—Bicknell M and R—Motilal Balkisson vs Shridanl Gopinath and others—Kanga and

392-03—Payne and Co—Aishabai vs Hoorbai and others—J R and D and J and Mehta and T D and Co

121-06—Khanderao S and L—Rajee Meya bin Mahomed Hoosein Khote vs Antone Miguel Souza—Tyabjee D and Co

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice SCOTT.)

Summary Suit for hearing in Chambers.

543-01—Crown and Band Co—The Caledonian National de Escompte de Paris vs Nunnally Dawoodji and another

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

257-03—Suethaun B and N—Rhoda Evelyn Harbour vs Arthur Edwin Harbour—Scrabjee and J—Pari heard.

600-98—Nanu H and Co Hasides Cunji and others vs Premaba and anothers—Little and Co—Part heard.

96-91—Kanga and P—Monjee Cullianjee vs Nemboi widow and others—Lingo and Co and Payne and Co—For hearing exceptions on 3 commissioners Report.

253-06—Little and Co—Pallonjee Pestonjee Daruwala and another vs Ratanjee Cawasjee Bhathena Payne and Co

546-05—Dibshi D and S—Shankermath Gurukas hinath vs Chambelinath Poolnath—Raghavaya B and N

561-05—Crawford B and Co—The Bank of Bombay vs Abdoola bin Ali Saheb Xri and others—Captain and V

733-01—Nadirsha and T (for pauper)—Bhanibai widow vs Veljikhoda and others—Mehta and S

831-05—Pestonji B and K Bhikhaji Pranji Khan and others vs Tribhowandas Mungubhai Nathoobhoy and others—Crawford B and Co M R Vakil.

885-212-06—Wadia G and Co—Jehangir Burkorjee Garda vs Ahmedbhai Jalalbhai—Thakurdas and Co

S. C. C. suit.

78-06—Payne and Co—Bhoota Lalla and another vs Shaik Hajee Hoosein Hajee Sulaiman—Kanga and P.

874-05—In person a pauper—Shaik Chan Shaikh Abbs vs Abdool Hamed Mahomed Arab and others—In person.

6-03—Wadia G and Co—Nawab Mahomed Kamalkhan vs Edward G Cabral—Payne and Co.

389-05—Ardeshir H D and Co—Cowasji Bomonji Bomou Behram vs Cassum Gulam Hoosein. Maganlal, J. and G. (For postponement.)

132-05—Kunderao S and L Antonia Jao Souza vs D Gracias and others—Sadhuvjee K and C.

23-03—Thakurdas and Co barriffboy Haji De ajl and others vs Lesaji Tajiboy Ardeshir H D and Co.

856-05—Wadia G and Co Chandrabhagabai widow vs Gajanand Shambhu Sadhalay, ebhnis and M.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

DOUGLAS.—September, 14, at Dilkusha, Lucknow, the wife of Captain W. B. Douglas, 8th Rajputs, of a son.

KEOGH.—August 25, at Thandiani, the wife of Captain J. H. Keogh R. A., of a daughter.

MARTIN.—September, 13, at Abbottabad, Colonel, E. W. F Martin, Commadant, 2nd Battalion, 5th Gurkha Rifles Frontier Force, aged 49 years. Deeply regretted by his brother, officers.

MC ONAGHEY.—September 15, at Naini Tal, the wife of Captain M. R. oOnaghey, Royal Scots Fusiliers, of a son.

PETERSON.—September, 13, at the Retreat; Lillooah, the wife of A. C. Petersen, of a son.

STEWART.—August, 27, at Dewas, Central India, the with of Captain Hugh Stewart, I. A., of a son.

THOMSON.—September 14, at "Cloudesley," Dalhousie, the wife of Captain C. G. Thomson, R. A. M. C., Mian Mir, of of a daughter.

WILCOX.—September, 11 the wife of N. C. Wilcox, of a son.

DEATHS.

CROSS.—September, 15, at the General Hospital. Calcutta William Ambrose Cross, late manager, Messrs. W. Newman and Co. aged 29 years.

HIRST.—September 11, at Mussoorie, Marjorie (Goorie~ the beloved and only child of Captain and Mrs. F. C. Hirst, aged 3 years 1 month and 11 days.

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POSTAL NOTICE:—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per extra s.s. "Pangola" *via* Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m. on the 25th instant. A Supplemental mail will be closed at 7-30 p.m. on the 26th instant.

THE NEW EAST INDIA PRESS:—At an extraordinary general meeting of the Shareholders of the new East India Press Company, Limited, held yesterday, at the registered office of the Company, Tamarind Lane, Mr. Sorabji C. Sett presided. The only business before the meeting was the appointment of two directors, and it was resolved to appoint Messrs. Kursondas Dharamsey and Lalji Naranji in place of Mr. Bhugwandas Walji, who resigned, and Mr. Lukhmidas Walji, who ceased to be a director.

DEATH OF MR. A. MCKENZIE:—Owing to the death of Mr. Alex. McKenzie, the Mazagon Timber Depots of the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation will be closed on Friday the 21st inst.—The late Mr. Alex McKenzie was held in high esteem by the Timber Merchants of Bombay, who have resolved to close their businesses(to-day (Friday))in memory of the deceased. The Byculla Saw Mills belonging to the deceased and the Western India Saw Mills, of which Messrs. Muncherji Dorabji & Co. are the Proprietors have also closed their works to-day.

BAI SAKARBAI DINSHAW PETIT HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS.—On the first of August last, there were 49 horses, 116 bullocks, and 15 dogs at the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals at Parel. During the month of August 38 horses, 145 bullocks, 2 buffaloes, 3 goats, 1 deer, and 27 dogs were admitted, and during the same month 37 horses, 156 bullocks, 1 buffalo, goat and 24 dogs were discharged from the Hospital. 4 cases among horses, 2 cases among bullocks, 2 cases among she-goats and 5 cases among dogs proved fatal during the past month. The following of Animals were treated as out-patients during the month :—21 horses, 5 bullocks, 1 goat, 35 dogs, 1 cacotas and 3 parrots.

NATIVE PILGRIMS FOR JEDDAH.—About 894 pilgrims left Bombay on Wednesday evening on board the s.s. "Shah Noor" for Jeddah. This was the first batch of pilgrims to go on pilgrimage after the recent Government notification doing away with the quarantine restrictions. The "Shah Noor" belongs to the Shah Steam Ship Company, of which Messrs. Adamji Peerbhoy and Sons are the agents. The vessel was thoroughly disinfected under the personal supervision of Colonel Crinnaman, before starting. A space of about 2,000 sq. feet was reserved for hospital accommodation, which deprived the owners of the accommodation of about two hundred more passengers. Besides this, a portion of the deck was set apart for the recreation of the pilgrims.

A DISHONEST COACHMAN.—Mr. C. H. B. Forbes informed the police a few days ago, of the theft of his gold studs, valued at Rs. 20. The Police investigated the matter, and arrested on suspicion one Nama Hari, a coachman in the employ of one Mrs. Woolcomb, residing at Walkeshwar. The result of the enquiry was that Mr. Forbes' property was recovered from Nama. This man further admitted having stolen from his mistress's house a silver watch-box and a silver fine case, collectively valued at Rs. 38. From further enquiries made by the police it was ascertained that the same coachman had stolen a silver watch and chain belonging to the Hon. Mr. Justice Russel's coachman. Last but not least Nama had also robbed Mrs. Woolcomb's ayah of her gold earings, valued at about Rs. 15. He was placed, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagone Police Court, by Inspector Fuller, on these four charges of theft. Superintendent O'Keeffe conducted the case. On evidence his worship convicted the accused, and sentenced him aggregately to twelve months' rigorous imprisonment. The accused had also bourne one previous conviction.

REDUCTION OF SENTENCE.

In the High Court, yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston and the Hon. Mr. Justice Heaton disposed of an application for revision made by one Vasram Khairaj who was convicted by Mr. Karsandas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, under Section 5 of the Gambling Act and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 30. Mr. F. P. J Taleyarkhan, with Mr. R. W. Desai, pleader, appeared for the applicant. It appears that in consequence of information received Inspector Patterson obtained a warrant from the Commissioner of Police and went into the room of house No. 110 at Bapu Khote Street which was in occupation of a woman named Javerbai. The front door was open while the inner door was closed. The Police pushed the door open and found four persons, one of them being the applicant seated on a bed, one at each corner. The Police also found a pack of cards and some money which was at once seized. All these persons, including the applicant were arrested. Their Lordships, after hearing Counsel's arguments, reduced the fine to one rupee.

THE Marriage arranged between Miss Mary Bainbridge and Mr. F. F. Sladen, Indian Civil Service, will take place on Thursday, October 25th at Christ Church, Simla.

A SMALL Committee consisting of Mr. Lionel Jacob, C. I. E., Colonel Leslie and Mr. D. Aikman, which is to deal with questions relating to Sanitary Engineering, meets at Simla this week.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN adjourned meeting of the members of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Dr. A. G. Viegas presiding.

THE LATE HON. MR. JUSTICE B. TYABJI.

The Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta in accordance with his notice of motion moved the following :—"That the Corporation record with deep regret their sense of the heavy loss sustained by the City in the death of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badruddin Tyabji, who was a Member of the Corporation for the years 1883-84 to 1885-86 and who in this and in divers other capacities took a very keen interest in matters concerning the well-being of the public and rendered distinguished services to the City. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased, with an expression of the Corporation's deep sympathy in their bereavement."

Speaking on the proposition Sir Pheroshah said that in the death of the distinguished Mahomedan Judge, he felt a personal loss because he was his most intimate friend and had worked with him as far as public matters were concerned and were at the Bar together. They all were acquainted with the valuable services which the late Mr. Justice Tyabjee had rendered not only to his own community but to all communities of this city, the Presidency and of the whole country in general. They also knew of his short career on the Corporation Board as stated in the resolution that he was a member of the Corporation for the years 1883-84 to 1885-86.

During those years it was his keen desire to make himself a useful member of the Board and he took a great interest in the Municipal affairs of the city. But his career on the Board was short as his professional pressing demands prevented him from attending the meetings, and he did not think he should continue to be a member of the Board, the meetings of which he could not attend. So with the greatest reluctance he left the Board, and hence his Municipal career was a very short one. The speaker in conclusion hoped that the members present would join with him in having the Corporation's deep sense of loss at Mr Tyabji's death recorded.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna seconded the motion.

The President, in putting the proposition before the meeting, observed briefly that by the death of the Hon. Mr. Justice B. Tyabjee, Bombay had lost one of its prominent citizens, and the country, one of its greatest sons.

The proposition was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE MANUFACTURE OF SODA WATER.

Mr. D. G. Padhye in accordance with notice given moved :—"That the Commissioner be requested to enquire and report whether there exist any conditions prejudicial to health in the manufacture of soda-water in the city, and if there are any such conditions, what measures he would recommend for exercising such supervision over the industry as is necessary in the interest of public health."

Mr. Todd was heard to say that Mr. Padhye's proposition was no longer necessary in face of the fact that Government had issued orders that filters in the soda water factories were to be examined once a week.

Sir Pheroshah pointed out the necessity of the notice of motion, saying that the water used in the manufacture of soda-water need also be examined.

The proposition on being put to the vote was carried.

DISEASE-BEARING INSECTS.

The following notice of motion from Dr. D. A. D'Monte on being put to the vote was lost :—"That in view of the grave danger to public health from the consumption of unwholesome sweets, &c., contaminated by flies and other disease-bearing insects and by floating disease germs, will the Commissioner under the powers vested in him compel hawkers of sweets and other prepared food-stuffs to keep such sweets and food-stuffs while hawking them in covered boxes or trays fly and vermin-proof?"

PLAGUE—A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC.

Consideration was given to the following letter from the Municipal Commissioner on the likelihood of there being an early and severe epidemic of plague this year in the city :—

"I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Corporation that the Health Officer has brought to my notice the likelihood of there being an early and a severe epidemic of plague this year in Bombay city.

Plague is raging in a very virulent form in Poona and in the surrounding districts on the G. I. P. Railway lines and cases are also reported from Surat and Baroda on the B. B. and C. I. Railway lines. Cases of plague are daily imported into the city and the number of cases reported on the 18th instant having been ten.

I have authorised the Health Officer to commence at once the arrangement for anti-plague inoculation, rat extermination and disinfection with "pesterine," which he considers necessary and trusts that the action he will take may avert or modify this threatening visitation.

There is yet time to warn the different communities of the desirability of evacuation."

The Hon. Sir Pherosha Mehta speaking on the subject said that it was unfortunate that plague was again virulent in Poona, at Surat and in Baroda. In Bombay they should take precautions against plague without delay because, the position of Bombay was such as brought people from those infected surroundings into the city for business, for shelter and for other varied purposes. That made the condition of the city regarding its public health serious. Already ten cases had been imported and they must not delay in taking preventive measures against such an importation until the number of cases so imported was very high. He might assure the Commissioner that the Corporation would give him a free hand, in taking every measure which he thought would deal effectively with the emergency. The Commissioner had done very well in coming to the Corporation as early as he could and thereby putting the matter before the public so that they might be prepared for the expected emergency.

The Commissioner's letter was recorded.

SURCHARGING OF THE SEWERS.

The Board considered the fourth report of the Committee of the Corporation on the condition and working of the drainage system of the city. In the report was included several suggestions by Messrs. G. Midgley Taylor and George R. Strachan. The Committe recommended that "In view of this Report the Committee have only to repeat the recommendations made in the body of their Report of 6th January 1906 underlying Corporation Resolution No. 6110, dated 22nd March 1906, with the further recommendation that sanction be given to the payment from such source as the Standing Committee may recommend of the fee of Two Hundred Guineas payable to the Experts for dealing with the objections of the Municipal Engineers."

Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia's minute on the Committee's report was as made:—"I entirely agree with the Committee and beg to add with regret that this is the third report which the experts have made on the subject for which on account of the most regrettable attitude adopted by the Municipal Engineers the Corporation will have to pay a further sum of £210=Rs. 3,150 in addition to the fee of 750 Guineas= Rs. 11,712-8-0 which they had paid them in 1904. The City has had to suffer seriously since 1902 from continued surcharging of sewers and its concomitant evils and particularly since March 1904 when the experts submitted their first report. To say the least the reports of the experts do not speak well of our Municipal Officers. Messrs. Taylor and Strachan are of opinion that the suggestions made by the Municipal Engineers are unsound and *fallacious* and that the fears of danger and difficulty expressed by them are *illusory* and have no basis. They even go to the length of saying that the Municipal Engineers are incorrect even in *elementary* details, and their criticisms have no *substance behind them*. It may here be noted that the City of Bombay has immensely suffered at the hands of the past and present Executive and Drainage Engineers, Special as well as Ordinary Branch, and it is due to such Municipal Officers our once beloved and beautiful City has become a detestable and suffering City. What have the Corporation and the Commissioner now to say for their so-called responsible Officers? Every day's delay in effecting means to remove the surcharge means a serious loss of useful lives and in no City in the world boasting of any civilisation such a deplorable state of affairs can be even for a day tolerated."

Sir Pheroshah Mehta moved that the report of the Committee be approved and adopted, and a copy of it, be forwarded to the Commissioner for information and guidance, with an intimation that the Corporation desired that very earnest steps should be taken to carry out and complete with all possible despatch the works mentioned in the report and with a request that he would submit to through the Standing Committee proposals for financing the works accompanied by carefully prepared estimates; that copies of the report be also forwarded to the Standing Committee with an intimation that the Corporation would be prepared on the recommendation of the Committee to sanction a grant for the payment of the fee of 200 guineas payable to Messrs. G. Midgley-Taylor and George R. Strachan for their further report on the subject of the surcharging of the sewers.

The proposition which was seconded by Mr. Jafferbhoy Rahimtoolla was then put to the vote and carried.

This finished the business before the meeting.

THERE is every sign of an end to the monsoon in the Simla Hills, and the weather there, which cleared up on Sunday, is much colder. The railway people hope to run trains through to Kalka in a few days, but this is rather a sanguine expectation, for there has been a serious subsidence of the line near Dharmpore

G. I. P. RAILWAY AFFAIRS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—With your kind permission I propose to write regarding the treatment accorded to the Traffic subordinates of this Railway, and I venture to think that what follows may be productive—if ventilated in your columns—of some little good to a long suffering community, more especially at this juncture when it is evident that many of the reasonable demands of the men are likely to be ignored by the management.

This opinion is based on the fact that scarceley any of the demands embodied in the appeal submitted to the Manager some time back have been granted; nor have the promises made to the men at the so-called meeting held on the 25th June last been fulfilled. "Festina lente" may be an excellent motto upon which to act; but that the advice in the present instance has not been overdone is a question which most people will have no difficulty in answering for themselves. I may add, the meeting referred to above was both incomplete and unrepresentative, inasmuch as it consisted only of about half a dozen men from the whole line who went to Bombay in the hope of meeting the other delegates, but were disappointed. The manager, however, heard a few of them tell their grievances, promised redress, and assured the men everything needful would be done. A notice appeared next day in the press to the effect "everything was satisfactorily settled." That this is not correct statement of the case is well known and it is not recognised as such by the men, but is believed by them to be merely an endeavour to maintain are untenable position; an act in striking contrast to the action of the managers of both the O. B. R. and B. B. Railways. The Managers of both the above lines gave their men a proper hearing and settled everything satisfactorily. Apart from the question of wages and the long hours of labour, there were other questions of minor importance to be discussed which could have been easily settled by the management without involving any additional expense to the Company. A hearing was also given to his employees by the Locomotive Superintendent of this Railway when, on a similar occasion, he was asked by the few drivers who met him, to grant a postponement of the meeting owing to

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ABDUL HAMID II.

ASTROLOGERS, anxious to find excuses for the peculiarities of the Sultan Abdul Hamid tell us that he was born on the 21st September 1842, at 10-42 in the morning, when the 26th degree of the sign Scorpio was rising. He ascended the throne on the 31st August 1876 when Jupiter was in transit over the ascendant of the horoscope in Scorpio. In consequence of the influences prevailing at his birth he has reserve, determination and subtlety. While Mars and the Sun in elevation produced an independent and bellicose spirit, the opposition of the Moon to Mercury resulted in vacillation and craftiness. Hence Abdul, daring to play with fire and gunpowder, is too cunning not to employ agents at a safe distance from his person to do his dangerous work. As a consequence of the conditions at the accession he takes an almost morbid delight in sailing close to the wind and thus gets into trouble with the European Powers. Yet so far as his relations with them enable the world to judge of his methods of government he appears as a capable diplomat and quite able to hold his own with the most astute ambassadors. Those who know him best declare that Abdul Hamid has a keen sense of the humorous and is well contented to remain the bone of contention in Europe. Yet astrologers have warned him that, sitting as he does over a powder magazine and persistently smoking cigarettes, there will one day be an explosion and, when the end comes, it will be short, sharp and sudden "for Uranus occupies the lower angle of the horoscope and is in opposition to the Sun." Whatever faults he may have are ascribed to influences over which he could have no possible control. The astrologers, however, are not his only apologists. His Majesty has found a candid but not unfriendly critic in the pages of *Blackwood*, who declares that some day history will recognise in Abdul Hamid II, Sultan and Khalif as one of the most striking figures and within certain obvious limitations, perhaps even one of the master-minds of our times. It is related that on one occasion when having his horoscope cast as a young man, he asked whether he was destined to be the heir of Osman the reputed founder of the Turkish dynasty, and the answer came : "A, and heir to much more than Osman could have been bequeathed to thee. Oh, Prince of the Faithful, it is written : I worship the Khalif who shall rule over Dar-ul-Islam." Whether true or not the story embodies "the central idea which has inspired Abdul Hamid's statesmanship throughout his reign, namely the revival of the spiritual authority to which he lays claim as heir to the Khalifate, in order to compensate the curtailment of his temporal dominions."

Most thoughtful Mussalmans repudiate the spiritual primacy of the Turkish Sultans, even in Morocco, whose rulers are orthodox Sunnis and the nephew of the present Sultan, Prince Sabah-ed-Din went into voluntary exile six years ago in order to maintain his opposition to the reactionary tendencies of the present *regime* at Constantinople. In a letter the Prince recently addressed to Sir Edward Grey, in relation to his statement in the House of Commons concerning Pan-Islamism, he says : "In popular language the word 'Pan Islamism' is used to express the counteraction of the East against the action of the West, which, far from being at all times a peaceful action has not seldom been aggressive and even brutal. It is not impossible that the East, or to be more exact, a part of it, labouring under the presumption, whether true or false, that it is being imposed upon, could be brought to sympathise with the Pan-Islamic doctrine, in the hope that in it might be found the elements of an understanding between all Mussalman countries, whereby the constituent unities of the nation might be preserved." An attempt is further made to deny that Pan-Islamism is necessarily an outcome of fanaticism or that it should be identified with Turkey, for it is only during the present reign that Constantinople has been its centre of activity. For four centuries the Ottoman Empire has been the seat of the Kaliphate, But Ottoman sovereigns accounted the Kaliphate as a merely honorary title which, as Prince Sabah-ed-Din points out, was only most sparingly used in official documents. Not until within the last twelve or fifteen years did the present Sultan begin to attach importance to his spiritual authority. Abdul Hamid II, in the words of his nephew "has never looked upon his Kaliphate from the point of view of all true disciples of Pan-Islamism. The sole reason why a religious policy is favoured at Constantinople is that an influence may be exercised over the Mussalmans of the interior." When one so near the throne, and therefore, the Khaliphate protests against the Pan-Islamic movement there is surely much to condemn in it.

The real reason of Abdul Hamid's encouragement of the movement is that he may carve out for himself greater power than belonged to him prior to the Russo-Turkish war and the dismemberment of his Empire which followed it. Turkey, moreover is decadent. The reason is that the Sultan has ignored the constitution which once belonged to Turkey and as *Blackwood's* writer forcibly puts it : "Grand Vizier after Grand Vizier, Ministry after Ministry, flit in rapid succession across the stage and every one leaves in turn in Abdul Hamid's retentive hands some larger fragment of the power which once belonged to the Porte, until at last the rambling pile of Government buildings in Stamboul is tenanted by mere clerks, Ministers and Excellencies though they be styled, whose sole business it is to register and to carry out the unquestioned behests of their Imperial master. The Sublime Porte has come to be little more than a polite fiction. From one end to the other Turkey is ruled from Yeldiz Kiosk, where surrounded by a Pretorian guard and a scarcely less numerous army of spies, Abdul Hamid, himself a prisoner to his own morbid fears within its walls, holds in his hands every thread of the military and civil administration throughout the whole Empire," Absolute despotism is what the Sultan has established in Turkey and when to that he seeks to add spiritual authority his enormous power for mischief must be potent to every body, occidental or oriental. Notwithstanding this, however, it cannot be gainsaid that Abdul Hamid's prestige has risen to a much greater height amongst Moslems than ever before. It is urged that this is among Moslems outside his own dominions rather than within them. The miserable condition of his subjects of all classes and sects accounts for their indifference. Abroad there is a disposition to support the Pan-Islamic movement merely because Mahomedans believe there is to be an appeal to their faith that England and Turkey are at enmity. And, as Lord Cromer's anonymous correspondent explained, if that be so, the words of Imam are echoed in every heart and every Moslem hears only the cry of the faith. As men, said he "we do not love the sons of Osman, the children at the breast know their works and that they have trodden down the Egyptians like dry reeds. But as Moslems they are our brethren : the Khalif holds the sacred places and the noble relics. Though the Khalif were hapless as Bayezid, cruel as Murad, or as mad as Ibrahim, he is the shadow of God." Fortunately in this country there are wiser Moslems than in Egypt and more than in Turkey. They have taken steps already to keep their brethren informed of the unfortunate trend among Mahomedans in the West and they have shown how unsustainable is the Sultan's claim to the Khalifate. Those who believe in the value of the Sultan's horoscope may be interested to know that in November next Saturn will be again stationary in opposition to the midheaven. There will, says the astrologer, "be the usual retreat from the 'unalterable' position of the Porte, an undertaking which will never be carried out ; further trouble in the course of the next six months, the demonstration in force—*et voila tout!* Meantime to-day is the Sultan's birthday and with his followers we wish him a long and useful career.

THE GRAND DUKE AND THE KAISER.

The presentation of the Garter to the Grand Duke of Baden by the King has so far passed without comment, but all the same it is a more than usually interesting event. The conferment of England's premier order upon the Grand Duke is King Edward's way of testifying his pleasure at the celebration of a "triple event" which is now proceeding in the little Rhineland State. Fifty years ago yesterday the Grand Duke was married to the Princess Louise, daughter of Wilhelm der Grosse, and sister-in-law of our own Princess Royal, the late Empress Frederick. King Edward and his Baden relatives have always been on the best of terms, and the Grand Duke, who is now eighty years of age, will doubtless be greatly pleased at the honour which King Edward has done him. Besides celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Ducal marriage Baden is also celebrating the Jubilee of its present monarch's reign, for only fifteen days before his wedding had Prince Frederick succeeded to the Grand Duchy. Besides these two interesting anniversaries Baden is celebrating another, even more important than either—nothing less, in fact, than the centenary of the creation of the Grand Duchy. It may be pointed out that Baden is a monarchy with all the paraphernalia of a sovereign state. Apart from its government of two Chambers and other State systems, the visitor to this charming land of mountain, fir, pine and chestnut is quickly impressed with the air of sovereignty which seems to pervade the whole country. Everywhere the distinctive arms of the Grand Duke's house are met with. On all the railway carriages the Grand Ducal crest and the word "Baden" is blazoned. You cannot long be left in doubt that though you may be in Germany you are certainly not in Prussia. Baden has over a thousand miles of railways, all belonging to the State, on which the officials wear distinctive uniforms, and talk in a South German patois of their own. The portrait of the venerable Grand Duke is met with everywhere ; that of the Kaiser but rarely. And this brings us to another circumstance worthy of a place in history, and which is illustrative of the character of the Second-to-None. The Grand Duke of Baden is the Kaiser's uncle. On his death-bed the Emperor of a Hundred Days commended his son, the wayward William, to the Grand Duke, whose age, tact, and near relationship suggested themselves as desirable attributes in one who, he hoped, would exercise a benign influence upon the future German Emperor. Needless to say, when the Kaiser came into his inheritance he soon showed the Grand Duke of Baden that he intended to brook no fathering from outsiders. So the Grand Duke allowed the young Emperor to have his fling. Time and again Kaiser William made himself the laughing stock of Europe. It must have grieved the Grand Duke sorely to see his nephew "showing himself up" as he so frequently did during the first ten years of his rule, but the Grand Duke suffered his nephew's vagaries without complaint. But his forbearance received a rude shock when, on his proceeding to present new colours to some of his Badenischer regiments, the Kaiser stepped in and forbade the Grand Duke doing so. Naturally such unwarranted interference with the rights of a sovereign monarch were not to be tolerated, and so the German Emperor and his uncle are not on speaking terms. As everyone knows, a great portion of Baden is the valley of the Rhine, and it was a noticeable fact that when the Rhine manœuvres were on last year, although a large number of troops from Baden were engaged, no member of the Grand Ducal family was present during the operations. The Grand Duke of Baden is one of the wisest and most respected sovereigns in the Fatherland, but the Kaiser has managed to outrage even his benevolent feelings, as he has done those of other German monarchs less affectionately disposed towards him.

THE TSAR'S CRUISE.

The Emperor Nicholas has done well in deciding to continue his cruise and forego his desire to attend the funeral of General Trepoff. It was only the other day that another General was mistaken and killed instead of Trepoff. His Imperial Majesty might have been mistaken for some one else and a much more imposing funeral than Trepoff's would have followed. The Tsar would be wise to continue his cruise still further and land the Tsaritza and royal children on the East Coast of England and let them remain on British soil until residence in Russia is safe. The speech from the Tsar which the Governor of Finland read to the Diet will not produce any material effect and it is little use thinking to find an asylum for them there. Awe of the Tsar and of God, which hitherto held the masses in bounds, having disappeared, writes a correspondent, bestiality and humanity are now struggling for the upper hand, and the chances are on the side of bestiality. Robbery and murder are lauded as heroic acts, incendiarism was spoken of in the Duma as illumination. Assassins are praised in the pages of reviews, and a proposal is made to build a Pantheon for their remains. We are asked to believe the struggle is not between this party or that, but between rascaldom and the men of law and order. The question is whether the work begun by Peter the Great shall be undone and Russia relapse into savagery, whether history has not made a fateful mistake in certifying that the Russian race deserves a place among civilised nations and can contribute to the real progress of the world. M. Savorin, whose patriotism is unchallengable, writes : "Religion is being devoured by these politics, and her elder sister, morality, as well. Even the peasant has violated his religion, impelled by his propensity to robbery. He violated his religion in his propaganda, sparing neither Tsar, nor God, nor State, nor Church. He violated her by savagery, pillage, drunkenness. Even well-to-do State peasants sally forth on foot and horseback to burn down the property of the landowners just like the ex-serfs. Robbery and incendiarism have become in rural life the same kind of innocent sport as lawn tennis or croquet." If Russia may yet be saved it will only be on condition that order first be re-established by a strong hand.

THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA.

President Palma strove might and main to restore order before the arrival of Secretary Taft and his colleague. But he was unable to do so. They have now arrived and are in conference with him, while there are sufficient American ships in the harbours to land five thousand men if required. President Palma the other day issued a statement in which he declared that the present insurrection is nothing but a crazy movement on the part of discontented persons, and that there is no justification for it. He was not disposed to employ any means other than arms for the re-establishment of peace. The suppression of the insurgents, he says, would guarantee the stability of Cuban institutions, while temporising with the disturbers would result in further disturbances every few years. Doubtless he is right. The United States Government is reported to have been reluctant to interfere and unless an urgent request to that effect is received from the Cuban Government, or unless foreign property and interests are attacked. Influential personages desired him to first try to pacify the people by a general election conducted on a wider basis and with fuller guarantees for the freedom of an honest vote. This would doubtless do much to remove the popular discontent, but it would almost certainly result in the termination of the Palma *regime*; consequently, a request for intervention was not expected until the case of the Cuban Government proved practically hopeless. On the other hand, the insurgents have been careful so far to respect property. Meantime General Miles, who was in supreme command during the Cuban War, is endeavouring to create a good opinion of Cuba and the Cubans, and has expressed an opinion that she ought to be allowed to settle her own rebellion by herself, being quite as capable as Mexico or Chili to conduct her own affairs. The Cuban Army is very small, but the Cuban Government could arm as many men as it needs without any difficulty. The active interference of the United States, therefore, would amount to an impertinence.

PERSIA'S CONSTITUTION.

A Home paper publishes, on the authority of one it credits with an intimate acquaintance with Persian affairs, a statement as to the new constitution which has been promulgated by the Shah. He says at once that the country is not ripe for popular institutions and that in granting them the Shah yielded solely to the influence of the priesthood. They are, however, to have a representative council, constituted as Reuter told us two days ago, courts of justice and, in addition to this, exiles are to be repatriated, pensions to be granted to the families of the Syeds killed in the recent disturbances and a concession made to the Olema in regard to the disputes in connection with some of the colleges formerly rejected as inefficient. The Shah's hand has been forced, but it is exceedingly probable that he has deemed it desirable to make some concession, lest the people follow the example of those of Russia. It is no use endeavouring to bring them into the Pan-Islamic movement, for the Persians are Shiahs, not Sunnis.

THE Anchor Line s. s. "Britannia" arrived at Marseilles, on Wednesday, the 19th instant.

THE P. & O. Company's s. s. Arabia with the outward Mails of the 14th instant left Suez at 3 a. m. on Thursday.

THE appointment of Mr. T. R. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, B. A., as Private Secretary to the Dewan of Travancore is announced.

THE Government of India have just bought 125 lakhs of tolas of silver for coinage into rupees.

MAULVI ABDUS SALAM, Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Howrah, is appointed to act temporarily as a Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta.

THE Royal Indian Marine steamer Dufferin, will sail for Karachi on the 25th instant with the 104th Rifles and details.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay, during the week ending September 18, was 833, giving a death-rate of 53·07 per annum, per thousand, as against 34·77, the corresponding period of last year, and 43·15 the average over the past five years. Of the total number, 94 died from fevers ; 35, plague ; 1, measles ; 27, cholera ; 4, leprosy ; 83, phthisis ; 34, diseases of the nervous system ; 182, affections of the respiratory organs ; 69, diarrhœa ; 36, dysentery ; 41, still-born ; 123, old age and debility ; 8, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—[illegible] Brahmin, 26 ; Lingaet, 4 ; [illegible]nattia, 3 ; Hindu of other castes, 418 ; [illegible]ndu low caste, 123 ; Musalman, 136 ; [illegible]rsee, 23 ; Jew, 3 ; Native Christian, 21 ; Eurasian, 2 ; European, 8 ; other and unknown castes, 1. The total number of births was 393, as against 372 the corresponding period of last year and 368 the average over the past five years.

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CRICKET AND CRICKETERS.

HOW TO GET WICKETS.

BY
WILFRED RHODES.

IT must be stated, to begin with, that nobody can lay down hard and fast rules which, if they are duly followed, will enable a bowler to get his opponents out. Nothing resembling the Chicago stock-yard process is applicable to the would-be bowler ; the candidate cannot enter upon a course of machine-made processes and emerge ready for action, prepared for slaughter. The human element and the element of fortune form too strong a part in the case. Nevertheless, certain lines of suggestion can be given which, if they are pursued, ought to be of service to such as seek to shine as takers of wickets.

CATCH YOUR BOWLER YOUNG.

Youth is the time of enthusiasm and this so far as the bowler is concerned, has its weakness as well as its strength. For, in his enthusiasm, the young bowler will be inclined not only to follow the advice of such as can help and instruct him but often to overwork himself and do too much.

The lad who goes out as a professional player when he is, say, eighteen or nineteen years old, as I was myself when I went to Scotland, may very easily overbowl his strength and spoil his development as a bowler. John Tunnicliffe has protested against the system of net practice so often in vogue among town clubs, and has pointed out its injurious effect on the fielding of the players ; but this same system is the spoiling of many a young professional who has to keep on bowling and bowling throughout the entire evening : result, of course, he becomes a machine for tossing the ball at the batsman and not the agent who is helping to give practice, and, at the same time, to increase his own ability.

When I went to the Galashiels Club at the age of eighteen, I bowled a fastish ball, sending up a slower one now and then; any special difficulty which batsmen might meet with from me was caused, I should say, by the way in which the ball came with the arm. But on returning home for the winter, I determined to work to cultivate spin and fingerwork.

THE ACQUIREMENT OF "SPIN."

I used to spend a good deal of time practising in an open shed, and the plan I adopted was this: I coloured the ball I bowled with black and white, so that the eye could more easily detect if, after leaving the hand, the ball was spinning or not. And so steady practice and perseverance gave me knowlegde of the touch and feel of spin, if one may use the terms; of course the power came gradually and I could not say that at any given moment I felt that I had gained a new power, any more than a man who practises with dumb-bells can point to a set moment when he has succeeded in getting increased strength. That winter practice did me a lot of good and when I went north again next season, I found that I was bowling a slower ball for the most part, with an occasional faster one among them.

Briefly put, some points to be regarded by the young bowler in the making are these:—

1. Don't overbowl and don't over-estimate the importance of mere pace.
2. Try and bowl a good length.
3. Study to acquire the power of making the ball spin.
4. Don't mind being hit.

I think that one may safely say that most bowlers get their work on with the first finger. I remember noticing in Australia several times, lads practising on waste land and rough open places and nearly always what they seemed to be after was to get the ball to do something to get some finger-work on. They were on right lines, too.

BRAINS NEEDED IN BOWLING.

It need hardly be said that each ball wants definite thought ; this may become almost intuitive, but still the definite brain-action prior to each delivery does occur. Perhaps three balls practically alike (or meant to be so,) may follow one another, but this may be at the same time of set intent. Bowling is not merely trying to get the man at the opposite wicket out—very often it is helping him to get himself out. The most difficult ball for a batsman to play is the one which goes away from him after it pitches, and it is far more natural for a left-hander to bowl this ball, just as it is easier for the right-hander to bowl the off-break. That, then, is one reason why the left-hander is more difficult to play—he has more natural advantages. Of course the right-hander who makes the ball go with his arm is just as difficult, but there are not many men who can rely on bowling this ball whenever they wish.

ON A BATSMAN'S WICKET.

Everyone knows that some Grounds are more helpful to bowlers than others ; but taking the average, one gets very little assistance unless the pitch is affected by rain when, as a rule, the faster the ground the more treacherous the wicket—that is one of the reasons why Australian wickets are more difficult than ours when they are wet.

One of the things which a bowler has to contend with and which is very annoying, is the uncertainty of the game ; one day he may bowl as well as he ever did in his life and never get a solitary wicket. Next day, perhaps, he doesn't bowl half so well and yet he gets five or six wickets ! But he will find that, reckoning the good and the bad luck the season through, things are pretty well balanced, only the bowler generally hugs to himself the consolation that *he*, at any rate, has had more bad luck than good, forgetting all about the poor stuff he sent up which got wickets.

There are days, of course, when the ground is ungrateful and won't give you one mite of aid. There's nothing for it then but patience and a trust that, if you can't hit the wicket yourself, still nobody will let a chance go, and that the waiting hands won't be found wanting. Then, perhaps, more than ever, variety in the flight of the ball becomes of great importance—the ball which is a yard or two slower or a yard or two faster and no perceptible change in action.

But, after all, on this sort of wicket, the fast bowler, pure and simple, stands the best chance. It is on such a pitch as this that the bowler realizes to the full the worth or otherwise of the rest of his side as his assistants. I suppose that as a Yorkshire bowler, no one knows the truth of this better than I do, for the presence on one's side of such players as David Denton, George Hirst and John Tunnicliffe, to mention three at random, is of inestimable benefit. When you know that you have good men to support you, your confidence is doubled, you dare to send up balls which, if you had less trust in your fielders, you would greatly hesitate to do. Then again, we have only to look at David Hunter's thousand victims at the wicket to see how important to a bowler a good keeper can be. In my first season for Yorkshire when we were playing at Bradford, Hunter got five men out in succession off my bowling in one innings.

POPULAR MISTAKES ABOUT BOWLING.

Over and over again one sees such a statement as this made :—

"X. found a spot at the So & So end and was unplayable." I myself do not believe in this 'finding a spot' business, for I don't think that any bowlers are so accurate, so mathematically accurate, as to definitely aim at a certain spot and hit it over and over again. In fact, as I write, I recall that a certain very great bowler, now retired from County Cricket, was said to be able to pitch a ball on a sixpence so many times in an over. I asked him about the truth of this and he said at once that the statement was pure nonsense.

What really is the cause is this—a bowler can more or less mechanically go on bowling a good length ball which will pitch within a certain comparatively small area, but that he can determine on making the ball light on a definite spot and carry out that determination, I do not believe. Anyway I am sure I can't.

With regard, then, to the 'finding a spot,' so called, I fancy that a bowler may recognize, for example, that the top of a certain area which comes within the pitch-surface of a 'good length ball' may be a bit loose or a bit worn and so his deliveries, falling pretty often within that area, give rise to the notion in question.

SHOULD A BOWLER BE A BATSMAN AS WELL?

Bluntly put, and in a general sense there is only one reply to such a question and that is "Of course." Surely, it must be preferable to have a player on your side who can make runs rather than one who can't. Naturally enough a player who has made hundred runs is fatigued when he has done so, but in any case his team has that hundred on the plus side, even if there is something to go to the minus account because he is too fagged to bowl with quite the same devilment if he had not been half an hour at the wicket. Perhaps in the case of a man who is the sheet-anchor bowler of the team and who has no comrade who can be classed even as a decent change, the case is altered. I have frequently been asked if I feel my bowling of late has taken from my power to bowl well, it is hard to say and a question which, perhaps, I am least fitted to answer : it is for others to pronounce on that. To tell the truth I can't say that I have felt so, but, I repeat I am not the best judge on that point. For a fast bowler whose work is necessarily more arduous, the case is very different I consider. Folks have sometimes said to me, too, "Which gives you the greater feeling of personal pleasure, getting runs or taking wickets?" On the whole I should be inclined to say the former. Even though there is a charm in defeating a stubborn batsman against whom you have been trying your best, this feeling of exultation is hardly so keen as that which comes after a clean square-leg stroke or a thrilling drive from just the right part of the bat, or a good square cut.

WICKETS IN AUSTRALIA.

What I wrote above to the effect that, taking one year with another, there is not much difference as to the help which a bowler may get on any given playing-pitch is, I fancy, true of Colonial Grounds as well as of our own.

Albert Knight has said lately that he considers the Australian wickets but little, if at all, faster than Lord's in July : this is, I think, not far off the mark though I am inclined to believe that a Lord's wicket in July is a trifle the slower—there's very little in it anyway.

But certainly a wet wicket at Melbourne is the very worst anybody can expect to come across. When we played there against Australia in the second Test Match, 1904, and Victoria shortly after, the wickets were undoubtedly the worst sticky wickets I have ever been on. The ball rears up at you and can be made to turn tremendously. This rearing is due perhaps to the fact that the soil is like putty, and the ball, striking the soft surface causes a little cake of mud to rise up in front of it, and the straight up direction thereby results. At least that is my opinion.

There is not a great difference in the pace of Australian wickets, but the worst to play on from an Englishman's point of view is the one at Adelaide, on account of the glare, which is so bad as to cause you to misjudge the ball. During our recent tour we never played a match on a matting wicket, but I have practised on one and found they give far more assistance than a grass wicket to the bowler.

THE EFFECT OF CONTINUOUS CRICKET.

Arguing from my own experience of County Cricket coming on top of a tour in the Colonies, I do not think that any hard and fast judgment can be come to as to the effect on a bowler. It has been said that such and such a man's bowling has been ruined for the season here on account of his winter campaign. Of course playing three seasons straight off does not improve anybody, though he might feel as well as ever he did perhaps better, during the third season, but towards the end he will find he is getting a bit stale and short of vim, that is if he has a hard season. If he has an easy season he might never feel the effects at all.

I might say that I have been just as tired with one season as I was after my three. There is no doubt about the fast bowler feeling the effects, that is, if he has plenty of work.

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NEW BOOKS.

SIMLA VILLAGE TALES, by A. E. Drscott : John Murray.—A collection of Folk Tales from the Himalayas, related to the author, by the village women belonging to the agricultural class of Hindus in the Simla district. Himalayan folk-lore, with its beauty, wit and mysticism, is a most fascinating study. The author adds, and grieves to think, that the day is fast approaching when the honest rugged hill-folk of Northern India will lose their fireside tales under the influence of modern civilisation. The stories are all interesting. We select one as a specimen : The story of Panch-Mar-Khan :—There was once a weaver who had the habit of slapping his face to kill any flies that settled upon it ; and it was rumoured that he killed five at every blow ; so he got the name of Panch-Mar-Khan, which means "a killer of five." People did not know that this name applied to flies, but thought the weaver a brave strong man, able to kill five of his enemies at a blow, so that he gained a reputation for bravery. One day the Rajah of that place heard some enemies were coming in force to attack his capital. All the fighting men were required to go out and meet them on the morrow ; so Panch-Mar-Khan received notice to be in readiness also. Now, he had never touched a weapon in his life, and was horribly frightened at the very idea, so he made up his mind to run away during the night. He saddled his donkey, and taking two large millstones, set out on his journey ; but, as he was passing the enemy's camp and arrived at a hill just a little above it, the donkey began to kick and to bray, and the two stones rolled down the hill into the enemy's camp with a great noise. They thought an army was after them and became terror-stricken, so that in the darkness and panic which ensued, many of them were killed. Panch-Mar-Khan was greatly delighted at his good luck, and instead of running away, returned to his own home. Next morning when the soldiers came to call him out to fight the enemy, he very proudly asked : "What enemy ? Did I not go out at night and kill hundreds of our enemies and drive the rest away ?" True enough there was now no camp to be seen and several dead men were found on the spot : so Panch-Mar Khan's reputation as a brave man spread far and wide and he was handsomely rewarded by the Rajah. Some days after news came that a tiger was prowling about, and a brave man was required to go out that night and kill it. Who was so brave as Panch-Mar-Khan ? So he was deputed to go ; but when he heard this he nearly died of fright and made up his mind that he would run away. So when darkness fell, he crept out and caught his donkey by the ear, and led it to its stable and there tied it to a post to wait till he was ready to get on its back ; but when he returned with a light what was his surprise to find, it was not his donkey, but the tiger that he had led by the ear and tied to a post. Such brave conduct from a mortal to a wild beast had so amazed the tiger, that it was too frightened to resist, so there it remained till morning and Panch-Mar-Khan was thought to be the bravest man alive. Next morning he got up early and went out into the fields near his house and there he suddenly came face to face with the fierce eyes and grinning teeth of a jackal. His other bravery was by mistake, but this was a reality, and so frightened was he that he fell down and died on the spot.

THE HOUSE OF THE WICKED, by William Le Quex : George Bell and Sons.—To any one fond of mystery, murders, plots and counter-plots and all the attendant exciting situations will revel in the latest book by W. Le Quex. The very opening chapters commence with a bride, mysteriously disappearing during the wedding ceremony in St. Paul's Cathedral. So cleverly is this accomplished that not a trace nor a clue of any kind can be found, a dense fog and a motor-car being great helps to getting lost. Indeed it is only after reading through 300 odd pages of most thrilling adventure and hair-breadth escapes that at last the husband and wife meet again.

THE ROYAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER STORIES, by Guy Boothby : George Bell and Sons.—A most varied collection of detective stories, love stories, and stories of adventure—all interesting and long enough to fill up odd half hours.

A MANUAL OF MATRICULATION ASTRONOMY, by D. B. Kharas, B.A.—Students in the present day have much to be thankful for. Instead of the heavy uninteresting times that had to be waded through to gain information in olden days, neat little hand books, beautifully illustrated so clearly and lucidly written that the densest could not fail to acquire knowledge from them, are supplied. Such a book is the one Mr. Kharas has at infinite trouble prepared, not for students only, but any one interested in Astronomy. Each subject is taken separately. The Planets, for instance, each have a chapter devoted to them with full page illustrations, with, of course, a portrait of Sir William Herschel. With the chapter on gravitation is a portrait of Sir Isaac Newton, and a most apt quotation—

Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night
God said

THE TYPHOON AT HONGKONG

FIVE THOUSAND CASUALTIES.

Shipping Washed into the Streets.

TWO MILLIONS POUNDS DAMAGE

SYMPATHY OF THE KING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

The typhoon at Hongkong lasted for two hours Vessels were pitched ashore all along the waterfront where the wooden piers were demolished and the sea-walls strewn with the wreckage of liners, junks and ferry boats. Sampans are piled up in the streets, which are flooded, resembling rivers.

Sir Mathew Nathan, Governor of Hongkong, confirms the damage done and the loss of steamers in the typhoon. He states that six whites perished, and it is believed the Chinese number one thousand killed.

The King has telegraphed his sorrow at the immense losses of the Chinese and his sympathy with the sufferers.

LATER.

It is now estimated that 5,000 Chinese perished in the Hongkong typhoon and that the damage done amounts to two millions sterling.

A fresh storm raged for six hours this morning.

The "Monteagle" has been refloated but the list of steamship casualties is steadily growing.

The gunboat "Phœnix" is a total wreck.

Torpedoers are cruising in the harbour to recover bodies.

BISHOP HOARE MISSING,

VICTIM OF THE TYPHOON.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

The Right Reverend Joseph C. Hoare, Bishop of Hongkong, is missing. His Lordship was on board his yacht during typhoon and therefore fears are entertained regarding his safety.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL'S HEALTH.

Satisfactory Progress Made.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

An Official Notification states that the Princess Royal is making satisfactory progress but, that owing to the severity of her operation, she will not be able to leave her bed till next week.

THE ENGLISH MANŒUVRES CONCLUDED.

Victory for the Irish Invaders.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

The manœuvres have ended in a victory for the Irish invaders.

ANOTHER SEAL AFFRAY.

Japanese Poachers Attacked by Russians.

OVER THIRTY CASUALTIES.

LONDON SEPTEMBER. 19.

A Russian patrol ship surprised six Japanese vessels poaching on the shores of Kamtchatka, and a desperate fight ensued, in which seven Russian and many Japanese were killed. The Japanese regained their ships and escaped after a running fight, in which nineteen Russians and twelve Japanese were killed.

DISTURBANCES AT CASABIANCA.

An Anti-Christian Movement.

GERMAN MISSION STARTS FOR FEZ.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

Serious disturbances have taken place at Casabianca where the followers of Maelain, the fanatical sorcerer, from Sahara, looted the French shops and endeavoured to raise an anti-Christian movement. Similar disturbances have taken place in the neighbourhood of Tangier.

The French Press urges the immediate establishment of a Franco-Spanish police force.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

A special German Mission leaves Tangier for Fez on Saturday.

THE WRECKED "MONGOLIA."

Big Effort for Salvage.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

The Underwriters of the steamer "Mongolia" ashore on the Sandwich Islands, have decided to despatch a Danish salvage steamer to the scene of the wreck.

She will take a fortnight to arrive.

PRACTICE OF VIVISECTION.

Royal Commission Appointed.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to enquire into the Vivisection question.

BARON HAYASHI.

Returns to the Foreign Office.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

Baron Hayashi has effected an understanding with the Premier, and resumes the Portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

THE CUBAN RISING.

Arrival of Mr. Secretary Taft.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

Secretary Taft and Mr. Bacon have arrived at Havana and visited President Palma.

SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL TEAM.

Arrives in England.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

The South African Rugby football team has arrived in England.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SCOTCH EXPRESS WRECKED.

Many Causalties.

TRAIN CATCHES FIRE.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

The Scotch Express was wrecked at Grantham last night. The train left the rails and fell over the embankment and caught fire.

Seven passengers are known to have been killed and many injured.

LATER

Ten were killed and sixteen injured in the accident in the Scotch Express train at Grantham.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Hindus not Wanted.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

A delegation of British Columbian Legislators yesterday, waited upon Sir Wilfred Laurier, at Ottawa and urged the exclusion of Hindus as undesirables.

THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

Strong Representation to be Made.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

At a meeting of the Committee of the China Association held yesterday, it was decided to make further strong representations to the Government to reconsider their attitude in regard to the administration of the Chinese Customs.

THE TSAR'S CRUISE.

To be Prolonged.

MESSAGE TO THE FINNISH DIET.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 19.

The Tsar has decided to prolong his cruise and will not attend General Trepoff's funeral.

The Finnish Diet has closed. The Governor, on the occasion, read a speech from the Tsar, promising reforms to allay the discontent of the workers and hoping the Government and the citizens would co-operate under the new regime and popular franchise.

GENERAL TREPOFF'S FUNERAL.

Tzar did not Attend.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

General Trepoff was buried in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.

The Tzar did not attend as he is still yachting.

Eight members of the Imperial family were present.

ALARM AT ODESSA.

Consulates Provided with Guards.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

Owing to the alarming outlook the Odessa, Consulates have been provided with guards at the request of the Consuls.

DISTURBANCES AT ZANZIBAR.

Native Police Discontented.

BRITISH TROOPS FROM THE COAST ORDERED.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20.

A telegram from Zanzibar states that the Askaris police yesterday morning refused to go on duty and demanded an increase of pay.

The Sultan promised an enquiry into their grievances and the men returned to duty.

No trouble is apprehended, but 300 of the East African Rifles have been ordered from Nairobi to Zanzibar.

DEATH OF SIR HENRY AUGUSTUS SMYTH.

Crimean Hero.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 21.

The death is announced of General Sir Henry Augustus Smyth.

[In the death of General Sir Henry Augustus Smyth passes away another hero of the Crimean war. He was born in 1825, and was thus 81 years old at the time of his death. He joined the Royal Artillery in 1843; served in the Crimean war, 1855-56 and received the Crimean medal with clasp and also the Turkish medal; he was member of the Ordnance Committee 1881-83; commanded Woolwich District, 1883-87. He was in command of troops in South Africa, 1888-90, and conducted the decisive operations against the rebellion in Zululand, in 1888. The deceased General was sent as Governor and Commander-in-Chief to Malta (1890-93). He was knighted in 1890, and was made Colonel Commandant, R.A. in 1894. He was Honorary Colonel of the Royal Malta Militia. He was Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the Royal Geographical Society.]

THE BANERJEE FIASCO.

The "Crowning" Severely Criticized.

NOT A RITE OF *SANTOCHUM*.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 20.

The announcement made in the *Statesman* that the so-called "crowning" of Babu Surendra Nath Banerjee was merely a rite of *Santoschum* and possessed no political significance has been challenged. The opinion of several well-known Pandits, including the highest authorities on Hindu ceremonies, have been obtained and the opinion is unanimous in saying that *Santoschum* has no connection whatever with the "crowning" of a Hindu King.

The Pandits say:—The question was asked, why a floral crown was placed upon Babu Surendra Nath Banerjee's head and why he was garlanded in our Hindu Society. We make constant use of flowers and garlands and floral crowns in marriage ceremonies: for instance, the bridegroom is crowned.

FLOODS IN THE KULU STATES.

Famine Anticipated.

GOVERNMENT RELIEF URGENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 20.

A telegram from Naggar in Kulu, states that continuous rain has been followed by heavy snow which has destroyed the harvest in Lahoul and great damage has been done to the fields, houses and woods.

Famine during the winter is certain, no food for men, cattle and ponies being left.

Immediate Government relief is most urgent.

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

Selection of Camping and Review Grounds.

GENERAL HENRY'S REPORT SATISFACTORY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 20.

As regards the concentration of troops at Agra during the coming Durbar there, in honour of the Amir of Kabul, the result of General Henry's recent visit has been most satisfactory.

It is believed that good camping and review grounds can be got within easy reach of the Cantonment.

RECEPTION BY THE VICEROY AT AGRA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 20.

It is now practically settled that the formal meeting between the Viceroy and the Amir will take place at Agra in the first week of January, 1907.

Modifications of the Viceroy's movements, which will follow on this decision, will be settled on the return of the Viceroy to Simla, on Saturday, when the details of the Autumn Tour will be arranged.

At present it is likely that His Excellency will reach Calcutta on the second week of December and that a meeting of the Legislative Council will be held about the middle of the month, and also that the Viceroy will leave Calcutta for Agra after the Christmas week.

NOTE-WORTHY LETTER ON THE SUBJECT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 20.

Mr. Wilayat Hussain, a well-known Muhammadan gentleman of Peshawar, has addressed to the *Civil and Military Gazette*, the following remarkable letter regarding the Amir's visit and the *Times'* recent comments thereon:—

Sir, A well-known English paper suggests that the preparations made by the British-Indian Government to receive the Afgan Chief in a fitting style are hardly necessary, the reasons assigned by the paper being that the Afgan power has lost its old-time importance on account of the Military and Political collapse of Russia, the hereditary enemy of the English Power in India.

Surely the paper must realise that the Amir is a political factor of prime importance to India in a sense quite removed from the Russian menace. He is called the King of Islam. Islam in India accounts for a fourth of the total population and not the least important or the least effective fourth.

Let us say plainly then that the English who rule over Muhammadans in vaster numbers than is the case with any Muhammadan ruler, will earn the gratitude and win the affection of the Indian Muhammadans, if they give to a Muhammadan Chief who is trusting to the hospitality of India a cordial welcome. Let it also be remembered that it is the Afghan Chief who helped to preserve India from the attacks of the fierce Russian bear in days before the claws of the Slavonic beast were clipped.

Also that many Indian Muhammadans who, it is feared, also are faithful British subjects have earned their fortune and sometimes fame in Afghanistan.

And, after all, it will be a great thing if the Amir and his retinue should convey to their brethern in Kabul a sense of the greatness of the English Empire; for it is a well known fact that outward pomp and hospitality exert a marked influence over the Oriental mind.

THE MAHOMEDAN COMMUNITY PROFOUNDLY STIRRED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 20.

A reply has been received from the Amir, who has courteously modified the date of his intended visit to India, so as not to clash with the normal Calcutta engagements of the Viceroy at Christmas as would have been the case, had the original intention of reaching Agra, on the 17th of the December, been adhered to.

The alternative suggestions were that the Amir should either arrive at Agra a week earlier or else postpone his departure from Kabul so as to reach India early in January.

The latter time is preferred by His Highness, who accordingly will reach Agra in January.

The precise date is not yet fixed.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* writes that the details of the programme of the Amir's visit to India have yet to be filled in, for that matter, even some of broad outlines are yet wanting, but in any case it will be a red letter event for the Mahommedan Community of Northern India, who are already profoundly stirred in the vague expectations of some significant happenings.

The universal hope is that the Amir will visit every great Mahomedan City in Hindustan and there is indeed in Native circles a confident expectation which, however, as far as we can gather, lacks a definite basis that His Highness at least will stay in turn at Lahore, Delhi, Agra and Lucknow.

In Lahore the general belief of citizens is that the royal Visitor will halt there for not less than two or three days, in which case His Highness will be invited to lay the foundation stone of the New Islamia College, an event which would transmit a thrill of educational enthusiasm to the very ends of the Province and doubtless far beyond.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* goes on to say that from sources more direct than those referred to above, we learn definitely that after leaving Agra the Amir will visit Delhi and we are glad also to hear that he wishes to inspect the Mahomedan College at Aligarh.

It is most important still to the backward cause of Mahommedan education and progress in India that the utmost should be made of this great and indeed unique occasion.

Much more than merely institutional interests of the Aligarh College are involved.

His highness will also visit Sirhind where there is a famous Mahomedan Shrine.

Sirhind is in the Patiala Territory, and the Amir will be the guest of that State.

It is understood further that he will make a brief stay in Lahore.

MADRAS HIGH COURT BENCH.

Appointment of an Indian Judge.

APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 20.

At a public meeting of the citizens of Tinnevelly and Palamcottah, held at the Tinnevelly Club recently, the Hon'ble. K. R. Guruswamy Iyer, presided, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—This meeting of the citizens of Tinnevelly and Palamcottah view with grave dissatisfaction the permanent appointment of a second Indian Judge to the High Court Bench, Madras, which has been so long delayed, and that the claims of Mr. C. Sankaran Nair, C.I.E., who has thrice acted as such, has been superseded in the recent filling up of acting vacancies: resolves that the Chairman of this meeting do send a cable to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India in Council, requesting that one of the appointments, now to be made, may be conferred on an Indian of approved merit and qualifications.

The Chairman has cabled to the Secretary of State for India in accordance with the resolution.

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 20.

Mr. J. Coldstream, C.S., Political Assistant to the Superintendent of the Simla Hill States, will succeed Mr. A. W. J. Talbot as Under Secretary to the Punjab Government, on the latter's becoming Under Secretary to the Government of India in the same Department.

Mr. H. A. Anderson, Commissioner of Jullundur, resigns the Indian Civil Service on the 11th of October next.

REGULATION OF FACTORY LABOUR.

The Upper India Chamber's Opinion Invited.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 20.

Mr. S. H. Fremantle, who, it will be remembered, reported some time ago on the general question of the supply of labour in the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, was deputed lately by the Local Government to conduct a Special Enquiry into the advisability or otherwise of regulating, by legislation, the hours of work for adult males in Mills and Factories, and of amending, in certain respects, the law relating to the employment of children.

The Local Government, in view of Mr. Fremantle's Report, are of opinion that excessive working hours in textile factories are not likely to be curtailed, except by legislative interference.

With regard to the proposed Compulsory Education for half-timers the Lieutenant-Governor thinks that this is hardly advisable.

The Upper India Chamber of Commerce has been asked for an expression of opinion on these points; also on certain questions relating to the issue of certificates of physical fitness for children. The Committee have asked for the views of those members of the Chamber who are employers of labour

Recommendations will be forwarded in due course.

THE FLOODS AT SRINAGAR.

River Jhelum Rises 17 Feet.

RYOTS IN DESPAIR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 20.

A Srinagar correspondent states that in consequence of the heavy rain, the river Jhelum rose by seventeen feet on Saturday.

Much alarm was caused by a telegram from Islamabad that a large body of water was descending on the town, and the people in camp hurriedly sought fresh quarters with the residents in their bungalows.

Latterly all their belongings were removed from the lower to the upper stories.

On Sunday night anxiety was increased by the news that the Bund had been breached in two places higher up the valley.

The neighbouring country was flooded, but the river at Jhelum did not rise higher.

Crops which were ready to be gathered have been destroyed and the ryots are said to be in despair.

LATER.

The latest news from Srinagar indicates that the danger of another disastrous flood this year is passed, but apparently it has been a near thing.

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 20.

Srinagar has been in a great state of confusion since hearing the news of the expected rush of water as to whether the Bund would be able to withstand so great a rush of water and whether Officers on leave would be able to get back to their respective stations it proper time.

These were the main questions agitating the residents and visitors on Sunday evening.

It seemed as though the flood could not be averted from Srinagar, but it was reported that two bad breaks had occurred in the Bund further up.

The river at Ranipoor and Sangam, which no doubt helped towards saving Srinagar.

The officials, however, did not consider all the danger by any means over and from all accounts the Jhelum Valley Road is in a worse state than it was at first thought.

An important bridge near Uri has been washed away, and the receipt of mails has been interfered with.

Messrs. Dhanjibhoy and Co. are also in difficulties, as directly there was a rise in the river. They sent off large quantities of baggage hurried by in *ekkas*, thinking it would be safer on the road than in the office, which might have been swamped at any moment.

On Sunday, there was quite a rush on Gupear, which being above water level, is looked upon as a haven of refuge.

At present every house is full, and every body who had any spare room has come to the rescue and taken in the some one or another of the unfortunate people who were camping out and could not get boats.

The weather in Srinagar is now bitterly cold.

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR SOUTHERN INDIA.

Selection of Site not Settled.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 20.

The question of the establishment of a Bacteriological Laboratory for Southern India, on the Pulni or Nilgiri Hills, is still in the preliminary stages, all that has been attempted up to date having been enquiries as to the possibility of finding a suitable site.

DEHRA-HARDWAR RAILWAY.

Collapse of a Cutting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 20.

The Dehra Dun correspondent writes on the 18th instant:—There has been a nasty accident to the cutting at mile 39 between the Doiwalla and Harawalla Stations on the Dehra-Hardwar Railway.

One-half of the cutting, owing to the recent heavy rains, has collapsed at one corner, and shows unmistakable signs of a breakdown in the remaining portion sooner or later.

The cutting fortunately gave in on the off-side of the line, tumbling headlong into the ravine, about 100 feet below, but it is uncertain which way the remainder may fall. Should it fall on the line, it will probably block the traffic for several days.

The Railway authorities and staff are fully alive to the danger of the situation, and have kept men on the spot to watch events.

All trains are now moving at a speed of barely five miles over this portion of the line.

YOUNG BENGALEE CONVICTED

Six Months' Hard Labour.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 20.

The Joint Magistrate of Allahabad has delivered judgment in three cases in which a young Bengali, named Oneeul Chunder Mookerji, was charged with defrauding people by means of bogus subscription lists.

The evidence showed that the accused forged the name of Mr. Jennings, the Principal of the Muir Central College, Allahabad, to letters addressed to Colonel McLaren, Civil Surgeon, the Manager of the Allahabad Bank and the Agent of the Bank of Bengal, requesting these gentlemen to subscribe towards the funds of the Athletic Club of the College.

Colonel McLaren gave his subscription to the accused and the Allahabad Bank sent Rs. 100 direct to the College, believing the genuineness of the letters. The Agent of the Bank of Bengal refused to subscribe.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charges and the Magistrate convicted him, under Section 468 of the Indian Penal Code, of committing forgery for the purpose of cheating and sentenced the accused to six months' rigorous imprisonment on each charge: the sentences in two of them to run concurrently.

Some more cases, in which the accused is alleged to have forged the name of Dr. Ewing of the Allahabad Christian College, are still pending.

During the past week 997 chests of opium were removed from ware house in Bombay, the whole amount being shipped to China. During the same period 599 chests were imported from Indore.

FALSE CHARGE AGAINST A EUROPEAN.

Accused Honorably Acquitted.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 20.

The City Magistrate here has disposed of a case in which J. Stalker, an employe of Spencer and Co., stood charged with breach of trust in respect of Rs. 57.

The accused was employed on Spencer's dining Car, running between Poona and Belgaum.

On the night of the 10th instant Mr. Ross of the Ross Theatrical Co., who travelled from Bombay to Belgaum, ordered dinner on the car for seven persons, which was duly served.

For this meal and shota hazri Rs. 14 were due.

On reaching Bangalore Mr. Ross made a complaint to Spencer and Co., that he had paid Rs. 19 to Stalker, whereas Stalker said he received only Rs. 14.

Upon this complaint Messrs. Spencer and Co. took action against Stalker.

The case was frequently adjourned in order to bring down Mr. Ross from Secunderabad, where he is at present But as he did, or could not appear and there was only his bare word against the accused. The Magistrate acquitted the latter.

THE TRAVANCORE "POPULAR ASSEMBLY."

Clamour for Government Support.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 20.

The Travancore Durbar has not yet given any answer to the numerous Memorials and Petitions, enquiring about the future of the "Popular Assembly." Every day feeling of indignation is growing stronger.

The apathy of the present Administration of Travancore in this connection is hard to understand; especially when it is remembered that Lord Amphill, the late Governor of Madras, expressed in highly eulogistic terms and congratulated the late Dewan. Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, C. I. E., on the formation of the Assembly and on the success which attended its two sittings.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA'S COUNCIL.

The Filling-up of Vacancies.

THE "C. & M. GAZETTE'S" VIEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 20.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* writes:—M Finlay's return makes another vacancy in the Secretary of State's Council which is now reduced to ten, the lowest, for Sir Stuart Bayley's vacancy has not yet been filled in.

Shortly there will be other vacancies.

General Sir John Gordon's time is up in January next, and both Sir Dennis Fitz-patrick's, and Sir James Mackay's terms expire in April 1907, the last named, however, was absent for more than a year in China by special leave, and it was possibly arranged then that he should serve out his ten years on Council.

A short time will show whether Mr. Morley has any intention of following the advice of some of the parliamentary members for India in appointing a Native to his Council.

BOLL-WORM RAVAGES.

The Imperial Entomologist Investigating.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 20.

Mr. Maxwell Lefroy, the Imperial Entomologist, is now at Lyallpur investigating the ravages of the boll-worm in the cotton tracts of the Canal Colonies.

PLAGUE RETURNS FOR INDIA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 20.

There were 5,182 seizures and 3,816 deaths from plague throughout India during the week ending the 15th September.

The deaths in the principal provinces were as follows:—In the Bombay Presidency 2,257; Madras Presidency, 14; Bengal, 114; the United Provinces, 175; the Punjab, 81; Burma, 91; the Central Provinces, 470; Mysore, 143 and Central India, 465.

No figures have been received from Rajputana, and there were no deaths in Baluchistan the North-West Frontier Province or Eastern Bengal and Assam.

Compared with the previous week there has been an increase in the number of deaths in Bombay, Bengal, the Central Provinces, Mysore and the Central India.

The worst places are the Kaira district with 104, Poona City with 825, Poona District with 108, Satara District with 174, Kolhapur Country with 208, Baroda State with 308, Nagpur District with 135, Kamptee Town with 191, and Indore State with 363 deaths. The figures for Indore being for week ending September 8th.

PHULKIAN CHIEFS' SUBSCRIPTION FUND.

In Commemoration of the Prince of Wales' Visit.

H. R. H.'S. DISPOSITION OF THE COLLECTION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 20.

It will be remembered that the Phulkian Chiefs conjointly subscribed a lakh of rupees to be expended in commemoration of the Prince of Wales' Visit in such a manner as His Royal Highness might decide.

The Prince of Wales has now signified his wish that one half of the amount should be given to the Countess of Minto's Nursing Fund, and the other half should go towards the foundation of a High Class Girls' School at Lahore.

The sum available will be supplemented by subscriptions and a Government grant, and a Committee will be appointed to advise as to the site, organisation, curriculum, boarding arrangements, etc.

Matters are already in train, and the matter will be decided during the cold weather.

A PUNJABI AMOK.

His Two Daughters Killed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 20.

Panjabi Mahomedan, alleged to be of unsound mind, ran amock last Sunday and killed his two daughers with a large knife and ended by stabbing himself in the abdomen.

He did not die and was immediately arrested and will be placed on trial in due course.

WELCOME RAIN IN POONA.

Kirkee Sports Abandoned.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 20.

After three days of fierce heat, rain came down this afternoon in torrents. It has not rained so heavily since the monsoon began.

To-day's sports at Kirkee are accordingly abandoned.

THE S.S. "GOA."

Marine Court of Enquiry.

CAPTAIN'S EVIDENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 20.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled yesterday at the Port Office, to investigate into the circumstances attending the grounding of the steamer "Goa" on the morning of the 27th of August last.

The Captain was examined and in his evidence he said:—"The position where we struck was Lat. 21° 8—40, North; Long. 90° 8—33 East. The distance from where I struck and from where I presumed I was, was 37 miles. There were no lights when we grounded or any habitation to guide us.

"At daylight I got abearing of the Kukri Mukri Island. I attribute my grounding to an abnormal current and to a breakdown of the engines.

"Had I not broken down, I should have been many miles ahead, and should have been in the dangerous locality at daylight, and would have seen the breakers.

"My vessel was well equipped in every way when we grounded.

"I let go an anchor in the hope that the ship would swing to flood and get off at high tide, but the anchor failed to hold, and the cable parted.

"The other anchor was let go and lost in the same way, with 30 fathoms of chain.

"I was on board for six days while she was aground.

"The saloon passengers had to be removed, as the saloon was filled with water, and they were placed on the bridge for six days till rescued by the "Megna."

"I placed sixty passengers on the Kukri Mukri Island in the ship's boats, and the rest of us were leaving, when the "Megna" rescued us.

"We constructed two large rafts in case the vessel should go down suddenly."

The inquiry is proceeding.

LORD LAMINGTON'S HEALTH.

Able to Drive Out,

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 20.

His Excellency the Governor who has been indisposed was able to drive out this evening.

ENTERIC IN POONA.

Many Patients.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 20.

Mrs. Paterson, wife of Colonel Stanley Paterson 93rd Highlanders, is still very ill to the great regret of all Poona society.

Enteric accounts for a number of patients in all the hospitals here.

THE FIFTY-FIVE YEAR RULE.

Enforcement of it in Travancore.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 20.

I learn from Trivandrum that the indifference of the Travancore Durbar in allowing old and incapable Officials to remain in service, has attracted the attention of the Dewan, who is taking steps to weed out from the State Service all decrepit and inefficient hands.

RUBBER PLANTING IN GOA.

An Inaccurate Report.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, SEPTEMBER 20.

Colonel Wyllie, the Belgaum Magistrate, interviewed to-day, states that your contemporary paragraph regarding Goa rubber plantation to be inaccurate. He was asked to supervise a proposed Government cotton plantation, the outcome of an International movement.

The London Chamber of Commerce having got the Lisbon Chamber to move the Portuguese Government to grow cotton in their colonies, Dr. Gemmie, the Bombay Government Botanist, and Mr. Tyson of the Madras Service were asked to report about the most suitable cottons. Colonel Wyllie hoped that those already growing in Goa would be advised. But what was most desired was that upon the coming representation Lisbon would agree to plant rubber, instead of planting cotton, merely as a catch crop.

CHARGE OF AN ATTEMPT TO MURDER.

Magistrate's Severe Remarks.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, SEPT. 20.

Judgment was delivered by Mr. Mealin in the case which greatly interested shipping circles. The following is contained in the Judgement:—

"Complainant, Mr W. Robertson, describing himself as a medical practitioner charges R. Chapman a stevedore's runner, with having attempted to murder him by upsetting his sampan. It would appear that complainant Robertson is a man of somewhat varied accomplishments who, during his residence in Rangoon, has led rather a chequered life. He has advertised himself in the town as a veterinery surgeon; he also advertised himself as the Wire King, manufacturing wire brooches and before he took to practising on the river he was employed in one of the local printing presses as Superintendent. I have no hesitation in saying that the firm of "Fide Jussor" which complainant says he is member of is purely a mythical one. Robertson admits that he holds no diploma which would entitle him to be considered a duly qualified medical practitioner. Every scrap of paper that was likely to test the truth of his assertions complainant professes not to have in his possession. Finally Robertson admits that about a year ago he appeared as complainant in this court in a case in which he had to pay Rs. 30 for not being able to substantiate his complaint. That part of Robertson's evidence bearing on the question of his credibility is on the face of it a mass of halting inconsistencis and prevarication which cannot but seriously shake his reliability as a witness. In addition to this the manner in which he has given his evidence as recorded and the exaggeration it contains compel me to refuse to place any reliance on his statements. Though Chapman's failure to go to the rescue of complainant does not constitute a criminal offence, yet his failure in this respect is deserving of gravest reprobation and I cannot but stigmatize his conduct as inhuman and cowardly in the extreme. I find that the misadventure to complainant Robertson was the result of a pure accident. I accordingly discharge the accused."

WANTED BY THE INDIAN POLICE.

Arrested in Colombo.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, SEPTEMBER 20.

Paul Lakmanovice described as a commercial traveller, was arrested here to-day for a grave penal offence in India and proceeds to Bombay to-morrow by S. S. "Malta."

NAWAB AFSUR-UL-MULK'S HEALTH.

Improvement Continues.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 20.

The following is to-day's official bulletin:—The improvement in Lieut.-Colonel Nawab Afsur-ul-Mulk's condition is maintained. Air temperature this morning was normal for the first time since the accident, and the symptoms which caused anxiety are subsiding. Dr. G. H. D. Gimlette, I.M.S., is in constant attendance.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lieutenant-Colonel Colomb, 6th Gurkhas, will officiate in command of the Abbottabad Brigade vice Colonel Martin deceased.

Lieutenant Bennett, 26th Punjabis, and 2nd Lieutenant N. F. Nicoll are appointed to the 54th Sikhs to complete the establishment.

Lieutenant Edward Collins, Devonshire Regiment, has been selected for appointment to the Supply and Transport Corps and is posted as Commandant to the 6th Mule Corps, Meiktilla.

Lieutenant Baldwin, 121st Pioneers, is posted as Commandant, 21st Mule Cadre, at Lahore.

The following officers of the unattached List are posted to commands as stated for appointment to the Indian Army, Northern Command.

Lieutenants Heriz-Smith, Grylls, Malet, Beckham, Carrey, Reed, Cave, Brown, Dane, Blood and Gwatkin.

EASTERN COMMAND.

Lieutenants Jones, Morse, Woodhouse, Thompson, Soker, Clark, Mainwaring and Eliot.

WESTERN COMMAND.

Lieutenants Beaman, Broughton, Reilly, Morrell, Johnson, Lake, Spankie, Price, Pole, Elphinston and Lewin,

SECUNDERABAD DIVISION.

Lieutenants Reyne and Jenkins.

The following modifications are made in the programme of the movement of the vessels of the Royal Indian Marine.

The "Dufferin" will leave Bombay on the 15th November and arrive at Mauritius on the 24th. Leave 28th, with 75th Carnatic Infantry for Colombo, arriving there on the 6th December.

Leave again on the 9th and arriving Madras on the 11th.

The "Hardinge" will leave Bombay on the 9th of December and arrive at Mauritius on the 18th.

Leave on the 24th with the 11th Rajputs and arrive at Bombay on the 2nd January.

The "Canning" in place of the "Dufferin" will leave Bombay on the 30th of November and arrive at Karachi on the 3rd of December.

Leave on the 5th with the 101st Grenadiers and arrive at Bombay on the 8th of December.

BAND SUBSCRIPTIONS in the Indian Army.

THE GOVERNMENT of India have decided that officers of the Indian Army will pay band subscriptions at the following rates:—

(1) Seconded officers of the Indian Army at half the regimental rate on pay of rank and permanent regimental appointment.

(2) Unseconded officers of the Indian Army absent from regimental duty for a period exceeding three months, the full regimental rate for the first three months and half that rate thereafter.

Mr. W. R. Butterfield, Deputy Examiner of Accounts, is, on return from leave, posted to the office of the Examiner of Accounts, Punjab.

Mr. A. G. Harrison, Examiner of Accounts, is, on return from leave, appointed as a Deputy Accountant General, Public Works Department.

Mr. F. C. W. Dover, Offg. Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Departments, is on relief, by Mr. G. H. Le. Maistre, appointed as Examiner of Accounts, Bengal.

THE SHAN STATE

A Travelling Correspondent writes:—They are on the North-East of Burma and the way we got there was by mule and pony transport from Meiktila, along a fairly good road of about 108 miles There are so many of us who are small minded enough to believe only what we see and sometimes hardly that—that it wants a certain amount of assurance to pen a description of strange sights and scenes. Still, in spite of many amateur followers of the Hebrew creed, I venture to tell you of a people so strange and at once so fascinating and unique that it may interest some of your non-travellers who cannot see these things for themselves. I allude particularly to the water village which is built in the middle of a great lake situated close to Fort Stedman. The houses are built about three hundred yards from the shore and are made of mud and wood; they are raised up on wooden platforms about two feet above the water level; loog poles are sunk into *terra firma* to support these fragile structures and they all have long jutting out runs which answer to gardens, upon which may be seen babies, fowls, and goats in a heterogeneous mass frolicking about together. There are some two two hundred of these strange people and they live and move and have their being in their water homes, without coming ashore more than just to attend the market, which is held outside Fort Stedman once a fortnight and then only the man land. They live principally on fish which they spear in a most dexterous fashion, hardly even missing the prey, as they handle in a clever way a long pole with a sort of a round toasting fork at the end of it. Men and women alike are equally adept at the art. They vary their diet with shooting wild duck and feed also on vegetables and fruit from the shore. They rear fowls and goats. The former they bring to great perfection and tend them with much care. They are a happy light-hearted people, giving no thought for the morrow and live at peace, seeing that they are troubled by no bills, save perhaps the bills of the wild duck which they make into curry! They wear little clothing, the men not much more than a decency tucker round the loins and the women a sort of short petticoat which they tuck up to allow freedom to the limbs. This they want as they help the men in propelling the boats and as often as not row with their legs! They stand on the end of the boat—generally a much-worn clumsy craft, and balance themselves like a pelican on one leg while they neatly twist the other round the shaft of the oar and with a backward and forward and not ungraceful movement of the body, send the boat along with ease. This novel procedure struck me as so picturesque and quaint that I at once made a mental note of it and, upon telling the story to a friend, I saw he did not believe it and as he got up to bid me good-bye said—"*Si-non-e-hero hea-trorato*" which would have annoyed me but that I pitied him.

HYDERABAD NEWS.

THE OPIUM CASE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

HYDERABAD (DECCAN), SEPTEMBER 18.

In the case of abetment against Papamull Chunilal, four witnesses were examined for the prosecution. The First Witness was Rahimuddin, Reader in the Court of the Chief City Magistrate. He said that, by the orders of the Magistrate, he, the Nazir, and three or four Chaprasis went to Chunilal's house and in the presence of a *panch* attached the opium and other articles used for adulteration. The Second Witness called was the Nazir, who supported the 1st Witness. The 3rd Witness called was one Abdul Ali Khan, who prepares and sells opium. He deposed that the following ingredients were found in the opium, namely, Amaltas, Sangzira, Kuchla, and Sand. The 4th Witness was Kazim Hussain, a Hindustani. He stated that for the last forty years he has been using opium and that he found this opium the worst. He further stated that the effects of this opium were pain in the stomach, indigestion, etc. He also stated that he returned the opium on more than one occasion when he found it bad. He used to take ten annas worth of opium in Hindustan, but now he takes three rupees worth, and yet he had to suffer from the evil effects pointed out by him. The case is adjourned to the 22nd instant. The accused applied for the transfer of the case from the Court of the Chief City Magistrate, but the Magistrate rejected the petition.

The case against Nawab Sultan-ul-Mulk has been adjourned to the 30th instant, and the Perjury case against Mr. O. V. DaCosta, which is before Rai Hari Lal, the Third City Magistrate, comes off on the 24th instant.

BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

Start To-day For Bombay.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, SEPTEMBER 20.

The P. and O. s.s. "Malta" which leaves Colombo to-morrow takes the Bandmann Opera Company to Bombay.

SUIT FOR TWO AND A HALF LAKHS.

Before the American Consul at Karachi.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 20

Under the instructions from the United States authorities, the American Consul at Karachi Mr. Rogers has recorded the evidence of 15 witnesses in a suit amounting to about two lakhs and seventy-five thousand rupees, filed at Manila by the heirs of one Tarachand of Hyderabad (Sind) against the well-known firm of Pohumal Brothers, with whom the deceased Tarachand was a partner in the Manila business.

The recording of evidence lasted nearly a fortnight.

One of the witnesses named Gopaldas claimed to be a partner in the same business himself and adduced evidence in support of his claim, and desired that when the property came to be divided his claim might not be overlooked.

RANIGUNGE RAILWAY DEFAMATION CASE.

Appeal Filed in Calcutta.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 20.

An appeal has been filed in the Calcutta High Court to-day in the Raniguge railway defamation case of H. Grant *vs.* D. N. Mathew, from the decision of the Joint Magistrate of Raniguge. The appellant defendant, it will be remembered, was in this case fined Rs. 300 for defaming Mrs. Grant. It is contended that the allegations were made by appellant in good faith and the conviction was therefore bad.

BRIDGE WANTED AT SARA GHAT.

Darjeeling Planters Again Agitate

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER, 20.

The Darjeeling planters are taking steps to press once more upon the attention of Government the urgent need of a bridge at Sara Ghat, for which purpose a mass meeting will be held at the Darjeeling Town Hall on Thursday next.

RANGOON RICE AND PADDY MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, SEPTEMBER 20.

There has been a great fall in prices of paddy. This afternoon rail paddy was sold for Rs. 130 to Rs. 133, and boat paddy for Rs. 137 to Rs. 142. Supplies are very small. Prices have dropped from seven to ten rupees in two days owing to a weak rice market. Rice, on the other hand, has increased in price since yesterday from Rs. 360 to Rs. 365 for special Straits and from Rs. 330 to Rs. 350 for ordinary Straits.

FOREIGN SALT IN DEMAND.

Large Withdrawals from Bond.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, SEPTEMBER 20.

Big withdrawals of Aden, German, and Liverpool salt are being made from bond in lots of a lakh of viss.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPT. 20.

The crusade against Liverpool salt does not seem to have been at all successful, as besides the stock at the goals several large consignments are expected by the in-coming vessels and in view of movements which are likely to follow, arrangements have been made for an additional staff of preventive officers for the purpose.

PRIZE DAY AT BISHOP'S SCHOOL, POONA.

General Richardson Presides,

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 20.

General Richardson presided this evening at the prize distribution in the Bishop's High School in lieu of the Bishop of Bombay who is indisposed. The General in a brief speech referred to the success of the school and to its contribution to the Cadet section of the Poona Volunteers.

PICTURES AT NAINI TAL.

THE following is the list of prizes awarded at the Naini Tal Fine Arts Association Exhibition:—

Landscapes in Watercolours.—1st prize, Mrs. Barlow's "Evening on the Maniebal ; 2nd, Mrs. Norie's "Floating Gardens," 3rd, Mrs. Barlow's " The Old" Punt ;" 4th, Mrs. Hyslop's " Dhal Lake, Kashmir." The Association prize for the best picture in the Exhibition was awarded to Mrs. Barlow's " The Goosebery. Major Norie's prize for the best set of three pictures went to Mrs. Barlow's "In the Happy Valley," " On the Dhal Lake," and " In a Kashmir's Village."

Sketches in Naini Tal, Watercolours.—1st prize, Miss Armstrong's Naini Tal Bazaar ; 2nd, Mrs. Hulbert's A Study ; 3rd, Miss Armstrong's Naini Tal Bazaar.

Figures and Portraits, Watercolours.—1st prize, Mrs. Cameron's "The Old Bhisti ; 2nd, Mrs. Hutton's Study of a Head."

Still Life, Watercolours.—1st prize, Mr. Cruickshank's "Studies ;" 2nd, Miss Armstrong's "Pansies."

Landscapes in Oils—1st prize, Mr J P Gangooly's "Morning on the Snows."

Figures in Oils—1st prize, Mrs Stewart Murray's "A Relic of the Mutiny." 2nd, Mrs S Murray's "Pan in the Punjab."

Still Life, Oils—1st prize, Mrs Couchman's "Fruit."

Miniatures—1st and 2nd prize, Mrs Furnivale's "Portraits."

Black and White—1st prize, Captain Rickette's "Portrait of a Lady;" 2nd, Mr Nevill's "Ataa Mosque."

Photographs—Association prize for the best photograph, Mr Lynde's "Tranquillity."

Photographs, Landscapes—1st prize, Mr Gillan's "Sunset over Mist," 2nd, Mr Marlon's "The Mosque Benares, from the River ;" 3rd Mrs. Muriel's "Landscape and River."

Photograph, Portraits.—1st prize, Mr. C Anninos " Coquetry ; " 2nd, Miss Parkinson's " Portrait."

Photographs, subjects other than the above—1st prize, Mr. Lynde's " Flight of Sea Gulls ; " 2nd, Mr. Anthony's " Street Scene, Hardwar ; " extra prize, Mr. Murphy's " Evening."

Groups of Six Kodaks—1st prize Mr. Marlon's " Benares ;" and Miss Hooper's " Bitsi n Bundelkund."

Girls' School—Under 16 ; original pictures ;—1st prize, Miss Dorothy Nunn's " Terra Cotta ; " 2nd, Miss D Budden's " Geraniums. " Freehand Drawing : 1st prize, Miss Durrell ; 2nd, Miss E Sheridan. Model Drawing : 1st prize, Miss I Barber ; 2nd, Miss D Jackson. Geometrical Drawing : 1st prize, Miss D Harris.

Boys' Schools.—Original pictures ; 1st prize W Winter's " Headland near Bude." Freehand Drawing : 1st prize, P. Parkinson Model Drawing : 1st prize, R Nunn. Perspective and Geometrical Drawing. 1st prize, P. Grainger.

Children under 14— 1st prize, W. Winter's " Roses ;" 2nd, L Cooper ; extra prize, Miss Budden.

Art Needle Work—1st prize, Mrs Winter ; 2nd, Miss Griffin.

Lace—1st prize, Mrs Murphy ; 2nd, Mrs Von der Wense ; 3rd, Mrs Bunbury.

Drawn Thread Work—1st prize Miss Battie ; 2nd, Mrs Von der Wense.

Painting and Drawing on Material—1st prize, Miss G Murray ; 2nd, Miss Cavendish.

Carving and other Art Work.—1st prize, Miss Lewi's " Illuminated Book cover ;" 2nd, Mr C Murphy's " Stamped Leather. "

Designs for Posters—1st prize, Mrs Barrow's " Poster for Gamages ;" 2nd, Mrs Button's " Himalaya Seed Sucess. "

The steam-ship Shah Noor, belonging to the Shah Steamship Company, the agents of which are Messrs, Adamji Peerbhoy and Sons, left Bombay last evening for Jeddah with 894 pilgrims on board. The Shah Noor is the first vessel to leave Bombay under the regulations which were published by the Government of Bombay on Saturday last and announced the total abolition of the quarantine of pilgrims. The vessel was thoroughly disinfected the previous day under the personal supervision of Colonel Crimmin, Port Health Officer.

SPORTING NEWS.

FOOTBALL.

The Rovers' Tournament.

THE Royal Scots and Y. M. C, A. met yesterday on the Cooperage and from what has been seen in the League the Scots had a very [illegible] and so it proved in the game. They cannot but be said to have [illegible] though Kiddle and Tweedle on their wings played well. Pooler again came [illegible] main stay of the team but altogether the Y.M.C.A. did not even play as well as they have done despite the fact that they had several new members well spoken of. The Scots also played none too well but they were never extended and though not at full strength had the game won all the way. With the Scots defending the Band Stand goal they immediately came away Kelly saving well and some uninteresting play ensued. The Y. M. C. A. relieved through Billiter who however would Lakin and play again was in their "25." After a considerable interval Billiter and Tweedle came well down and forced Lakin to find touch, but the Scots were not long in getting back through Ross. A briliant save by Kelly got Kiddle going and he passed west and Finnigin and sent in a shot which Bryce with difficulty saved. Through Wright the Scots returned and he gave and took again from Webber and entered finely ; in the scuffle Parkes sent in a short which struck the bar hard. A long kick by Foster let Parkes on and his centre just went over and Webber sent to the right after some pretty play by Smith and Ross and Kiddle once more found the Y. M. relief but Billiter missed in taking a flying shot more sound play by Pooler and Kiddle kept the ball well up and Carroll took a feeble shot which led to Webber coming away. After some scuffling in front of goal Webber took a shot right across ; it puzzled Rose and Parkes dashing in rushed it through before he could clear. Play was now all in the Y. M. ground for some time till eventually Pooler cleared well and Kiddle put in a race run and centre which Finnigan took from Carroil's feet. A foul saw the Y. M. once more press, but on Bryce throwing out Carroll just failed to head it and half time arrived with the score :—

Royal Scots ..... 1 goal.
Y. M. C. A. ..... nil.

On resuming the Scots immediately came down and first Webber and then Parkes centred nicely till Lakin shot wide. From a long kick the ball returned and Russell centered finely, Finnigan heading behind, but the corner kick was poor, and Ross giving to Parkes he centred nicely, but Smith headed to the left. The Scots came again and Ross got past Kilby nicely but Billiter just got in the way and they cleared. Russell put in some useful work but Billiter was very erratic in passing and they did not seem able to pass the half was line till a nicely combined run started theball. Carroll saw Tweedle get on and centre well but Finnigan headed out for Lakin to clear. A foul by Finnigan gave the Y. M.C. another chance but a long kick by Kelly went behind. The Scots gradually worked the ball till Billiter handling saw them in goal and Webber headed at an angle, Rose punching out cleverly. Play ensued on the right and Webber sent in a hard low shot which bounding off Rose's hand Ross put in easily.

After kicking off the Scots returned and Webber sent a beauty just over, followed by a sharp one by Webber along the turf to the left. Tweedle offered momentary relief with a nice run, but it soon came back and Ross sent in a shot which Rose saved at the expense of a corner and later fisted out well a hard shot in the corner by Webber. Tweedle next looked like coming away but Finnigan took from him and gave to Smith who broke clean through and gave Rose no chance with a shot to the left top corner. From the restart the Y. M. came up through Carroll and Tweedle and on West appearing to have cleared Russell returned very nicely but Pratt headed behind. Parkes came away from the kick and gave right across to Wright who centred and Smith and lost a grand chance but made no mistake when it next came in. Coming up again Parkes and Ross immediately forced Bellamy to concede a corner and from the ensuing play Deathridge that in a good one followed by a hard, low one from Lakin which, glancing off Pooler, found the right corner of the net. Not many minutes remained and time arrived with the score :—

Royal Scots.....5 goals
Y. M. C. A..... nil.

The teams were as follows :—

ROYAL SCOTS.		Y. M. C. A.
Bryce	Goal	Rose
Foster, West	Backs	Hildreth, Kelly
Deathridge, Finnigan, Lakin	Halves	Russell, Pooler, Bellamy
Webber, Wright, Smith, Ross, Parkes	Forwards	Tweedle, Billiter, Pratt, Carroll, Kiddle

Referee :—Mr. E. M. Ross.

POONA RACES.

The Pony Chase Enquiry.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 20.

Re the inquiry over the Pony Chase yesterday, the Stewards have not yet come to any decision. Further evidence is being taken.

HORSES RUNNING ON SATURDAY.

The following horses are left in for Saturday's meeting after final scratchings.

THE HOMEBRED PLATE, Seven furlongs :—Lady of Quality, 9st 13lbs, Philmore, 8st 6lbs, and Sir Trenton, 8st 11b.

THE STEWARD'S PURSE, One and a quarter miles :—Testwood, 9st 10lbs, Lamrock, 9st 13lbs, Clynder 8st 12lbs, Lord Boyne, 8st 8lbs, Our State 8st 4lbs, Apology 8st 2lbs, Transvaal, 7st 11lbs, Insurrection, 7st 8lbs, Tubal Cain, 7st 2lbs, Resident, 7st, and Admiral Chrichton, 6st 12lbs.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP, Round the Course and distance :—Precious, 9st 12lbs, Skylark, 8st 5lbs, Egypt, 8st 3lbs, Mooreed, 8st. Berlin, 7st 12lbs, Hadhur, 7st 10lbs, Young Cardigan, 7st 9lbs, Soheil, 7st 8lbs, Peculiar, 7st 4lbs, Panala II, 7st 3lbs, Bandit II, 7st 3lbs, Young Kaiser, 6st 2lbs, Young Kohinoor, 7st, Sandow, 6st 13lbs, Ajax, 9st 12lbs, Stgris, 6st 9lbs, Moonib Pasha, 6st 7lbs, King Cobweb, 6st 6lbs, Mishal, 6st, and Sweet William, 6st.

THE GANESKHIND PLATE, Six furlongs :—Prince Lyon, 9st 11lbs Killua, 9st 7lbs, Dalcimer, 9st 2lbs, Primerole, 8st 13lbs, Amyas, 8st 12lbs, Royalist, 8st 5lbs, Manlock, 8st 3lbs, Nat Gould, 7st 9lbs, Clynder, 7st 8lbs, Adelaide, 7st 5lbs, and Flotsam, 6st 8lbs.

THE LAWN PLATE, Six furlongs :—Tachreet, 10st 11b, False Start, 9st 7lbs, Hermit, 9st 7lbs, Eed, 9st, Osborne, 8st 9lbs, Ashroff, 8st 9lbs, Omar, 8st 8lbs, Mint, 8st 7lbs, Little Joker, 8st 6lbs, Zurriff, 8st 4lbs, Witness II. 8st 11b, Sheik, 8st, Girigistan, 7st 12lbs, and Ptarmigan. 7st 6lbs,

THE COLONIAL PLATE, One mile :—Matalgia, 9st 13lbs, Minimus, 9st 6lbs, Wakeful, 9st 4lbs, Mandeville 8st 7lbs, Koko, 7st 9lbs, and Recovery, 6st 7lbs.

DURAND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 20.

The first match was the Bedfords vs. the South Staffords. The former scored twice within the first fifteen minutes and the latter then scored a goal. The Bedfords scored again, the Stafford then added one more goal to their score, but in the end were beaten by three goals to two. This was a good game but the better team won.

The second match was the Simla Volunteers vs. the North Staffords. The latter, though playing ten men in the second half, won by two goals to love. The Volunteers were outclassed.

KARACHI AUTUMN RACES.

Unavoidable Postponement.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 20.

The Karachi Autumn Races Dhar have been fixe for the 29th of September and the 4th and 6th of October have been unavoidably postponed to the 23rd, 25th and 27th of October.

The 1st and 2nd entries hold good and the third and final entries close on the 11th of October.

CALCUTTA MONSOON RACES.

Seventh Meeting.

SATURDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER.

ENTRIES.

SIXTH OPEN HORSE HURDLE RACE.—About 1 1/2 miles over 7 flights.

Mr Manning's Bucentaur.
Mr Galstaun's Harold.
Mr Galstaun's Hoop Iron.
Mr Galstaun's Rustler.
Mr R A Caugh's Watchfire.
Mr E L Mudie Macleods Batanzos.
Mrs Fraser Nash's Scotch Thistle.
Dr T Assheton Smith's Parole.

AMATEUR HANDICAP PLATE.—7 furlongs.

Mr McGeorge's Devil's Limit.
Mr J M Rodocanachi's Downland.
Mr G H L Mackenzie's Calina.
Mr T Curtis Hayward's Sylvia.
Mr J G Ballantyne's Fairly.
Mr T G Evers' Cain.
Mr T G Evers' Jorrocks.
Mr R A C Paugh's Ynyslas.
Mr H K Pierson's Queen of Hearts.
Mr A G H Macpherson's Riccaton.
Mr K Robertson's Young.
Mr Harry Jones' Dreadnought.

SELLING RACE FOR HORSES.—5 furlongs.

Mr Charles' Woodbine.
Mr Charles' Kendal King.
Mr Fields' The Chump.
Mr G Kents' Pylara.
Mr C Pearson's Narwanah.
Mr A W Grosser's Swindle.
Mr B B's Reinzette.
Mr Roland's Oom Paul.
Mr Austin's Kingpin.
Mr A N D[illegible]'s Miss Trenton,
Mr J [illegible]aun's Springlock.
Mr J G Galstaun's Harold.
Mr R A O Pugh's Manon,
Mr R A O Pugh's Watchfired:
Mr H E Smith's Wake Up.

THE POOJAH PLATE.—6 furlongs.

Messrs Paris and Marshall's Goldstamp.
Mrs Paris' Winklet.
Mr Field's Nirvana.
Mr Manning's Loyal.
Mr G Ken's Pylara.
Mr M Ganguli's Fotheringay.
Mr A W Grosser's Cyril.
Mr McGeorge's Devil's Limit.
Mr R Chowdhury's Beaquet.
Mr N R Chowdhury's Leda.
Mr Dartmoor's Bandook.
Mr Field's Solace.
Mr A N Dass' Trencherman.
Mr A N Dass' Carnival.
Mr A N Dass' Lollipop.
Mr Jm Rodocanachis' Downland.
Mr Galstaun's Springlock.
Mr Galstaun's Handc'ian.
Mr Alec's Lord D.

THE RAMPART PLATE.—7 furlongs.

Mr Field's The Chump.
Mr Field's Solace.
Mr A N Dass' Pineal.
Mr J M Rodocanachi's Hint.
Mr Galstaun's Whitefoot.
Mr F Potter's Hazelnut.
Mr R Powell's Ivanhoe II.
Mr B P Roy Chowdhury's Belle Cole.

CONSOLATION PLATE FOR PONIES.—5 furlongs.

Mr Field's The Chump.
Mr R D Coggan's Esparanto.
Mr O M D Bell's Psalm.
Mr A N Dass' Pineal.
Mr Rodocanachi's Hint.
Mr Glen's Zigzag.
Mr M Ganguli's Kalyani.
Mr Cecil's Miss Beryl.
Mr B P Roy Chowdhury's Belle Cole, 14-1½.

CONSOLATION PLATE FOR HORSES.—5 furlongs.

Messrs Paris and Marshall's Goldstamp.
Mr Charles' Woodbine.
Mr Charles' Kendal King.
Mr Field's The Chump.
Mr Manning's Loyal.
Mr M Ganguli's Fotheringay.
Mr Grosser's Swindle.
Mr N K Chowdhury's Leda.
Mr B B's Reinzette.
Mr O M D Bell's Bell Dhu.
Mr Roland's Oom Paul.
Mr Austin's Kingpin.
Mr R B Lamoote's Ruby.
Mr A N Dass' Carnival.
Mr A N Dass' Trencherman.
Mr Rodocanachi's Downland.
Mr Mackenzie's Calina.
Mr Galstaun's Handc'ian.
Mr Galstaun's Springlock.
Mr Galstaun's Defendant.
Mr Galstaun's Harold.
Mr R A C Pugh's Watchfire.
Mr R A C Pugh's Manon.
Messrs Moolje and Premjee's East Ferry.
Mr E L M Macleod's Batanzos.
Mr H E Smith's Wake Up.
Mr H Schwerdtfeger's Sal.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA MUD SPORTS.

Programme for Wednesday, 26th September, at 5-30 p. m. (weather permitting).

1. Individual Jumping.—Horses and Ponies. (Over 4 Jumps, Hurdle, Wall, Post and Rails and In and Out.)

2. Postillion Race.—Competitors to ride one horse and lead another. Horses need not necessarily be owned by the rider.

3. M. C. C. Stakes (Ladies' Nomination)—Gentlemen at starting post will each be given a cricket ball. They will then ride given course to where ladies are standing at wickets. They will hand ball to their partner, and donning pads, which must be fully strapped, they will take up the position of the wicket-keeper. Immediately the lady has knocked off the bails, gentlemen will remove pads, mount and return over same course, taking cricket balls with them. Best time to win.

4. Motor Car Event (Ladies' Nomination).—Cars will assemble at starting post, ladies on board. They will then on the word "Go" proceed backwards to chalk line, a short distance beyond which buckets will be placed. The ladies will then, without dismounting, proceed to throw 6 polo balls, one at a time, into the buckets imediately behind their respective cars. When the 6 balls have been thrown cars will return forwards to winning post. best time to win. Two seconds will be deducted from each competitor's time for each ball his partner gets into her bucket. Engines must be stopped at chalk line.

5. At Home Stakes (Ladies Nomination).—Gentlemen will ride given course to where tea tables are placed, presided over by the ladies. They will hand over horses to syces and seat themselves at the tables the ladies meanwhile dispensing tea for which the gentlemen must sign chits. They will afterwards remount and return over same course. The competitor whose time from start to finish is nearest to five minutes will be adjudged winner. No watches allowed. The time limit is generous, and there should be no rushing.

6. Pony Scurry Handicap.

7. Horse Scurry Handicap. (Time permitting.)

Entries for the Sourries should be received not later than Tuesday and should state the class of horse, and name and approximate riding weight (all in) of rider.

Post entries will be accepted at the Judges table on the ground up to 6 p. m., but any animal entered after that cannot be handicapped and must start from scratch.

Practice jumps, etc., are available on Monday, Thursdays and Saturdays.

By kind permission of Major F. L. Cloyd-Jnes and Officers, the Band of the 13th Infantry will play during the afternoon.

J. HENDERSON GRAY,
W. G. PALMER,
Hony. Secretaries.

CERTAIN paragraphs of the report upon the prevalence of crimein the Punjab in 1905, which has just been issued, deal with two matters of some importance, *viz*, the status of the magistrates before whom confessions are usually recorded, and the question whether it is not possible to secure uniformity in punishments by the framing of some form of general standard of normal sentences for various offences. Sir Charles Rivaz agrees in the views expressed by the Judges of the Chief Court on both these questions. In the former case, His Honour says, the recognition of the principle that the higher the rank of the recording magistrate, the greater will be the presumed value of the confession should do much to remove the pernicious tendency which exists to make use of magistrates of the lowest grade for this important purpose, while in the latter His Honour concurs in the opinion that to formulate any general standard is inapracticable and that the only method of securing some degree of uniformity and of obviating wide inequalities is by means of close supervision and control on the part of district magistrates and the higher appellate courts.

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EXCAVATIONS AT ELEPHANTA.

Judgment of the High Court.

YESTERDAY, at the High Court, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar delivered Judgment in a suit brought by Mahomedally Amir Saheb Koval against Mr. F. B. Hill and another, in which the plaintiff claimed to recover the sum of Rs. 5,692-6-3, with interest and costs. Mr. Strangman and Mr. Davar, instructed by Messrs. Mulla and Mulla, appeared for the plaintiff ; and Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Weldon, instructed by Messrs. Bicknell, Merwanjee and Romer, appeared for the first defendant.

Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, in delivering Judgment, said the only question in this case was whether the plaintiff ought to have brought a suit for a general account instead of suing in respect of what, according to the first defendant, was merely an item in that account. The present suit related to the sale of timber by the plaintiff to the defendants. The first defendant admitted the purchase, but contested the claim, upon the ground that his firm had dealings with the plaintiff in respect of certain quarrying work at Elephanta Island; that he had paid to the plaintiff Rs. 36,000 upon a general account ; and that not only nothing was due to plaintiff in respect of timber or quarry work, but that Rs. 76 were due to the defendants from the plaintiff. The plaintiff accepted the first defendant's figure, Rs. 22,514-2-3, as the total value of the timber sold by him to the defendants' firm. The plaintiff also admitted that he had received in all Rs. 36,000 from the defendants ; but his case was that the timber and the quarry account having all along been treated by the parties as separate, he received Rs. 17,000 out of Rs. 36,000 specifically for the timber, that the balance of Rs. 19,000 was specifically paid to him for the Elephanta quarry work, and that in respect of the latter monies were still due to him from the defendants. In support of his case, the plaintiff had been examined, and he was corroborated by the entries in his ledger. Those entries shewed that the plaintiff treated the transaction as to timber as separate from that as to the quarry work, and that Rs. 17,000 were paid to him in different sums as on account of the timber sold. All that had been suggested against these entries was that the book, in which they appeared, presented all the features of a new book, with the entries all written at one time. But the plaintiff had distinctly affirmed that this book was his ledger. Something might have been fairly urged against the genuineness of plaintiff's ledger, on the ground that his son, who wrote the book, had not been called to swear, that it was regularly kept. But such an argument became unavailing to the defendant after the omission to test the palintiff's testimony as to the cash book and journal from which the ledger was prepared. The plaintiff's case was further supported by the documentary evidence of the defendant himself. The first defendant stated that all the payments he made to the plaintiff were on a general account. After commenting upon various entries in the accounts, his lordship said it was clear, then, that before February or March 1905, that is while the dealings between the plaintiff and the defendants were going on, separate accounts of the plaintiff were kept in defendants' books, and all those separate accounts were merged into one by Phillips, a clerk, without any instructions from the defendents and that after disputes had arisen between the first and the second defendant, after the quarry contract had been cancelled and after teak and timber supply had finished. The receipts passed by the plaintiff to the defendants, and produced by the first defendant, showed that the transaction as to timber was separate from that as to the quarry work at Elephanta Island, His lordship then commented on another batch of receipts, relied upon by the defendant in support of his case. The receipts he took treated the timber transactions and the quarry transactions as separate. It was urged for the defendant that the timber bought by the defendants having been required for the jetty, the magazine, the godown, and the cooly houses at Elephanta, which all had connection with and were necessary for the quarrying work, payments made on account of such timber must be regarded as having been made on account of the quarry work. But this argument was untenable in face of the fact disclosed by the account annexed to the first defendant's written statement. The plaintiff had sworn that it was not true that what was due to him in respect of quarry work was Rs. 14,000. He affirmed that it was about Rs. 27,900, that he had received only Rs. 19,000, and that about Rs. 8,900 were still due to him. That statement of the plaintiff had not been challenged in cross-examination, for these reasons, his lordship held the plaintiff's claim proved. There was no general account; and the plaintiff was entitled to sue, and his lordship found that Rs. 5,514, with interest, were due to the plaintiff from the defendants in respect of timber purchased. His lordship directed the defendants to pay to the plaintiff Rs. 5,514, with interest at 6 per cent per. annum, from 3rd July 1905, and costs, and interest on the Judgment at 6 per cent.

"ENGLAND" OR "BRITAIN ?"

An Old Grievance Revived.

A SCOTTISH grievance of which a great deal was heard soon after King Edward's accession has again been raised in connexion with the Treaty which regulates the marriage settlement of the new Queen of Spain. The use of the words "the law of England" in Article III. of the Treaty has caused the Scottish Patriotic Association to protest against the "misleading" and "erroneous" use of the term "England" instead of "Britain."

The article in question reads as follows :—

"The high contracting parties take note of the fact that her Royal Highness the Princess Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena, according to the due tenor of the law of England, forfeits for ever all hereditary rights of succession to the Crown and Government of Great Britain and Ireland and the dominions thereunto belonging or any part of the same."

The association having drawn the attention of Sir Edward Grey to the matter, received the following letter from the Foreign Secretary, under date June 30th :—

"In reply to your letter of the 22nd, inst. I am directed to the Secretary of State to inform you that the newspaper extract enclosed therein correctly reproduces the text of Article III. of the Treaty concluded on May 7th, 1906, between the United Kingdom and Spain for the marriage of his Majesty the King of Spain with her Royal Highness Princess Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena, and that, in his opinion, the expression 'Law of England' in that article is correctly used."

A MEETING OF PROTEST.

The Foreign Secretary's defence of the obnoxious phrase led to a meeting of protest in Glasgow a few days ago, it was summoned by the council of the association, and a resolution condemning the use of the word "England" was unanimously adopted, and was ordered to be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary. The resolution urged that since union England, as a separate kingdom, ceased to exist ; at the with Scotland, and the succession to the throne of Britain was regulated by Article II. of the Act of Union, the forfeiture of rights of succession to the British throne can now only be legally carried out in terms of the Act of Union, and not according to the law of England and the wording of the Spanish Royal Marriage Treaty is therefore erroneous and misleading.

A representative of *The Tribune*, who discussed the matter yesterday with an authority on Constitutional Law, was assured that the Foreign Secretary's "opinion" is probably strictly accurate. It is true that the Queen of Spain renounces her claims to the Crown or "Great Britain," but she does so in accordance with English Law. The Act of Union of 1707 provides that the succession to the Crown of Great Britain shall be the same as was before settled with regard to that of England—settled, that is to say, by the Succession Act of 1701, passed six years before the two kingdoms were united. In other words, "the Act of Union provided that the two kingdoms should be united into one under the name of Great Britain, and that the succession to the Crown of this United Kingdom shouldbe ruled by the provisions of the English Act of Settlement."

It would appear to be technically correct, therefore, according to the lawyer in question, to describe the provisions of the Act of Settlement (or Succession Act), under which the Queen's renunciation takes place, as "the due tenor of the law of England."

If every cloud has its silver lining, every tragedy seems to have its humorous side. Dickens is one of the instruments of disaffection in Russia ! An occasional correspondent of the *Times*—it is said to be Sir Mackenzie Wallace—writing on "Russia Re-visited," says :—"The other day a facetious Editor assured me that *The Pickwick Papers* has been put on the list of prohibited books by the Moscow Censor, who found in the description of Mr. Winkle on a shooting expedition a satire on the Moscow police, and in Mr. Pickwick's insistence that Mr. Winkle should lay down his weapon, an incitement of the force to revolt."

A FREE EXCURSION TO THE COAST at this time of the year would be an acceptable boon to many a hard-working man, but as such an instance is hardly likely to occur in these dull times, the next best thing a poor man can do, instead of getting change of air and scene is to purify his blood and cleanse his system with a few doses of Holloway's Pills. This wonderful medicine for many years has been a blessing to the Commercial world. It gives tone to the system and purifies the blood and rapidly increases the strength of the brain. It also cures indigestion in its most advanced form and in cases of nervous debility it is without a rival.

BY THE WAY.

OUR SHIPPING STRENGTH,

STATISTIC not unpleasing to our pride as a maritime nation are quoted by "Engineering" from the Lloyd's Register record of ship losses. The United Kingdom owns 15,805,180 tons of shipping—92 per cent of the total, being steamers,—and the losses by misadventure only make up 201,118 tons. If we combine the other fleets on the list with more than a million tons each—those of our colonies, the United States, France, Germany, Italy, and Norway—we find that their tonnage only totals 10,337,353 tons, of which 84 per cent is steam. Although the combined fleet has a tonnage only two-thirds that of the United Kingdom's merchant navy, the tonnage lost is one-fourth greater, or 258,607 tons. The rate of loss of steamers is for the United Kingdom 1·34 per cent. and for the six other fleets 1.55 per cent, Nor is this superiority only in the past year ; the average for the five years for both sail and steam is for the United Kingdom 1.60 per cent, and for the six countries 2.99 per cent. The figures further indicate that the relative risk of sailing ships and steamers is as 100 to 41. As to the causes of disaster, wrecks are most numerous, 41 pet cent of the loss of steamers as well as sailing ships being placed under this category. In the case of steamers the next most frequent cause is collision accounting for 9·7 per cent.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

"B." reflects on the "psychology of advertising" for a maid-servant :—Quite 150 per cent of the advertisements in a column before me contain some such phrase as "comfortable home," "easy place," "no children," or "must be neat" or "must be tall." I have written a number of advertisements for my wife, and can say advisedly that some such phrase is necessary to success. On one occasion after an unfortunate experience I wrote in the heat of the moment "must be clean and civil," We had not a single reply. After three days I altered it to "neat and obliging," and we had, I think, six applicants. The stipulation "must be domesticated" in advertising for a servant is not considered an unnecessary one, judging from the number of times it appears.

THE FRAME OR THE PICTURE.

Two old ladies were discussing the merits of a couple of framed oleographs hung outside a shop in North-street, Scarborough, the other day. Having duly admired General Sir George White in his vivid uniform they turned to the companion picture—three anemic looking young women arrayed in dull draperies and gazing upwards in a wooden ecstasy. "Eh, that's good, too," said one of the old dames ; "and the frame's nice." "Ay, lass," said the other, reflectively, "the frames matches, but the pictures doesn't."

DONE!

He was not quite so simple as he looked, but four chance companions in his hotel had succeeded in persuading him to play nap for rather high stakes after the races were over. He was holding his own fairly well, when he was called away to the telephone. During his absence the "sportsmen" dealt him the ace, king, queen, and knave of hearts and the ace of clubs, and gave one of themselves five small hearts. The innocent returned, and challenged the hand at once. "Having a game with me, I think," he said genially. They were shocked at the suggestion. Fairer dealing never was. Surely he didn't suspect them ? "Not at all, not at all," he replied ; "thought you might be having a joke, that's all." Then he studied his hand afresh—and went *four*.

"FIRST AID."

He was an ambulance man, fully medallioned and he pushed his way through the crowd with an air of authority. It was the usual crowd in such cases—a motley group of boys and girls, street loafers, and sympathetic but helpless old ladies. In the middle a man lay prostrate on the pavement, his neck swollen and his heels kicking aimlessly. "Stand back," he said, sharply but not unkindly, "stand back and give him air." Then, remembering his lesson, "Go for the doctor, someone—you, Johnny, as sharp as you can ; and you (to another boy) fetch a policeman." Then he turned to loose the patient's neckcloth. By this time the man had become conscious of his presence, and had turned painfully towards him. Waving one arm in the air (the other being engaged up to the shoulder in the exploration of a corporation plug), he said, with deliberate emphasis, "Go away, young man, go away."

A HANDSOME OFFER.

While spending his holiday in the Southwest of England recently a Lancashire gentleman received a very unexpected and handsome offer. At the close of a stiff climb one sultry morning he called at an inn for a draught of the wine of the country—Devonshire cider. In the commercial-room he found a fairly large company already assembled. Well-to-do agriculturists they appeared to be ; substantial men all. They were discussing the Education Bill, and without a thought of the consequences the Lancashire gentleman joined in the conversation. He is a Churchman and a Conservative, and by the time he had finished Mr, Birrell had not a leg to stand on. Then he drank his cider, wished the company "good morning," and left the house. Outside the door of the inn he lingered for a few moments to admire the glorious prospect. He had not been standig there long before he was joined by two members of the company he had just left. They approached him with every mark of respect. "I beg your pardon, sir," said one, "but are you a member of Parliament!" The Lancashire gentleman smiled and replied that he was not. "A candidate, perhaps ?" continued the local gentleman. "No, not even a candidate," was the answer. The local gentleman was delighted. "In that case, sir," he said ; "perhaps you will allow us to put your name before the executive ; we have no candidate as yet." Unfortunately the Lancashire man did not see his way to accept the invitation,

CHANGES IN MEANING.

There is no difficulty in justifying all three uses. "Just" in such phrases means "exactly." "Just now" in the sense of time present—that is, at this exact moment"—is the radical use ; the other two are derivatives. "I am too busy just now" implies that one is busy at this exact moment, though presently one may not be busy. The other two uses are examples of emphatic overstatement. "I saw him just now" means "I saw him so short a time ago as to be practically now." "I will see you just now" is a similar exaggeration for future time. Both in the past and the future sense "just now" dates as far back as the seventeenth century. Other very precise indications of time are used with the same rhetorical exaggeration —for example, "I am too busy this minute ;" "I saw him this minute ;" "I will see you this minute." Words like "presently" and "directly" have by the same process undergone a complete change of meaning from present to future tense.

SUNDAY IN PARIS.

Paris on Sunday has for two or there weeks past been almost unrecognisable. Taking the law by the forelock, many hundreds of tradesmen have closed early or closed altogether on Sunday and other Church holidays. On such days, therefore, the great commercial thoroughfares are deserted. And there is talk of shutting the cafes and restaurants. The whole matter is creating a tremendous hubbub. It is not a question of keeping in sabbath holy, but of getting one rest-day in seven, and some want Sunday, others another day in the week, and yet others want the rest-day by "roulement" —in rotation. All are agreed, however, that on that day every place of amusement must be open, which is only possible if a large number of people work every day of the week. England is quoted on every hand just now. "If you must close and give to the secular powers the support and obedience you have hitherto refused to your clerical preachers and teachers be consistent and don't make others work while you play ! You declare English Sundays are insufferably dull ; England is at least 'a just brute' ! The only way to give fair play in the matter of weekly rest is to follow in her track."

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

So, you are gone ! and with you go
The darling hopes I used to know ;
The joys I used to seek and
I never, I am well aware,
At "half the ordinary fare,"
Small visit you some week-end.

Some change this for a northern sky,
Some to the Alps, and some will hie
Where minstrel troupe or band is,
But oft I hoped some holiday
Should see me voyage far away
To reach Juan Fernandez.

I longed to stalk your feathered game,
Your heights to climb, your beasts to tame,
With Crusoe but in fancy.
To cry, "Here was the poor dog's

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

THE lamp of Burlesque went out with the death of Fred Leslie and the retirement of Nelly Farren. It was kept without a light in it, like the broken lamp on the gatepost of a deserted house where a doctor has been and seen but not conquered, for many years by the witchcraft of Miss Musical Comedy, who put the light out also of comic opera, which, in the contemporaneous sense, was its companion; but the creeping revival of this companion, beginning with *Veronique* and ending, up to the present, with *Amasis*, seems to have induced the lamplighter to go round and attend to the wick of burlesque, for here is Mr. George Edwardes reviving *Aladdin* at the Gaiety, and making preparations to follow it up with *The Forty Thieves*. Mr. Edwardes being the leader of our lighter entertainment, it is pretty safe to predict that before very long there will be a demand for—or at all events that other thing which is so often mistaken for a demand for, a supply of—burlesque at most of the houses devoted at present to "a search for a jewel to an accompaniment of humdrum melody," as musical comedy has somewhere been aptly defined. It is to be hoped that the revival of burlesque may lead to the discovery in stageland of a new Fred Leslie, a new Nelly Farren, a new Fred Terry, and a new Kate Vaughan.

Already have the provinces caught the Gaiety burlesque notion from Mr. George Edwardes—and very much from this gentleman, seeing that it is he from whom *Monte Cristo* has been purchased for revival "on tour." From this transaction we may gather that Mr. Edwardes does not intend to include *Monte Cristo* among the old Gaiety burlesque revivals in London. The cast of this moving *Monte Cristo*, which was last heard of in Barrow, contains many young actors and actresses who have been more or less prominent in Mr. Edwardes' London companies, and perhaps the best known among them is Mr. Herbert Sparling, who is playing the late E. J. Lonnen's part of Mephisto, and singing his old song, "I've got 'em in my eye, to which Mr. Arthur Wimperis, who has entirely given up black-and-white work for writing lyrics, has added verses in which there is no neglect shown of the opportunities offered him by the motorists, the Tsar's ministers, the sausage-makers of Chicago, and certain experts in workhouse management. Mr. Sparling's last engagement in London was as the aristocratic father of Lady Madcap in the musical comedy of that name produced at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, and as this represented the order of stage work for which he has usually been selected by Mr. George Edwardes, he has doubtless found as much physical exercise as he requires in following in the footsteps of the mercurial and almost acrobatically energetic "Teddy" Lonnen.

The new Mephisto is a man of varied accomplishments as well as experiences. He speaks German and French perfectly; he has composed many songs for musical comedy and pantomime; and he is a pianist of no ordinary ability, having studied the world's indispensable instrument under a noted German master, and proved an unusually apt pupil. In a word, the new Mephisto is a "devilish clever fella." Having the "cheeky," pliable, adaptable face of the comedian—a face composed of all the upward lines of merriment—Mr. Sparling, as a youth, went in strongly for tragedy as a matter of course. It is ever thus with the comedian born. Failing in several City offices, including his father's, to hypnotise the world of commerce, Mr. Sparling took a sailing trip to Australia—a fine thing for "brain-fag," as he wrote home to his mother—and there, for the first time, "fell among show folk." The management under which he made his bow as a professional actor does not appear to have been of a standard to cause uneasiness in the breasts of Mr. Charles Frohman or Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger, for in addition to the duties of "heavy lead" in *East Lynne*, the young actor had thrust upon him such artistic responsibilities as are involved in rising at an unearthly hour in the morning to ride miles round the town distributing hand-bills, ringing a huge bell outside the booth for a quarter of an hour before the doors opened, and assisting in shifting the tattered and torn scenery.

Mr. Herbert Sparling, going over the days of his youth—his earlier youth—in stageland, tells a funny story concerning the resourcefulness of a hard working and desperately serious young actor who played the villain in *Aurora Floyd* or *A Woman of the People* (the forgets which to-day), under the distinguished management already alluded to. Having important clerical work to do in the front of the house, Mr. Sparling was cunningly chosen for a person in the play doomed by the villain to die at the close of the first act. With that eagerness for a front place which properly characterises the youngsters of all professions, the thrice stabbed victim of black-moustached villainy died so far down stage that the curtain could only be lowered at the uneconomical hazard of cutting him in two, or at least rendering him incapable of performing the various duties which were acknowledged weekly by a salary of twelve shillings. "Pull in your legs!" hissed the hero (likewise manager) from the bedraggled "wings." It was the voice of authority usually obeyed on the instant, but the young actor was under the influence of a powerful sense of art. If he had not died a natural death he had, at all events, died naturally; and he was determined to remain as he was at all hazards and at all costs, and to trust to the emergency powers of the villain to mend the situation.

His confidence in the sagacity of the villain was not misplaced. Although, after the awful murder, the budding tragedian had duly made his staccato exit in a flood of emerald moonlight, he was not so deeply dyed in villainy as to be capable of deserting a fellow artist in distress; and when, in an attitude elementarily but very completely descriptive of deep thought, he had finished caressing his duckling-like chin for some fifteen seconds, he strode cautiously on to the stage and exclaimed: "Ha, ha! The fool *is* dead! But, now to remove the body higher up, that suspicion may not rest on *me!*" Which precautionary measure having, at the expense of prodigious physical tension, been adopted, the young tragedian once more fled from the scene of the tragedy, and collapsed from mental and bodily fatigue on the floor of his (and several other players') dressing-room. Meanwhile, the youthful Herbert Sparling, tingling from head to foot with the electric thrill of Art, rose magnificently from the coldly recumbent attitude of death, and at the risk of losing his position, or positions, in the Thespian firm which yielded to him at least his tobacco and matches, remarked to the hero-manager as he passed that Vandal in a lordly strut, "Dead men, sir, don't pull in their legs!"

Some months ago, a company of actors and actresses who, though of well-tested quality in their profession, were first of all—or should it be second?—required to be golfists, went away into the provinces as the "The Golfing Company," with the old Garrick comedy, *His Excellency the Governor*. They included the popular Gaiety comedian, Mr. Lionel Mackinder, and Mr. H. Marsh Allen (now in London arranging their Autumn engagements, the delightful tour of sport in the day and a few hours of work at night having just come to an end): Mr. Charles Brown and Miss Jean Aylwin, who return to the Gaiety for *Aladdin*; Miss Salberg, who goes to Mr. Bourchier for a part in *The Morals of Marcus*; Mr. D. J. Williams and Mr. Malcolm Cherry, who join Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry in the new play they are preparing; and Mr. Arthur Bertram, the manager of the company, who has acted in this capacity for so many successful "combinations" and popular actors and actresses on starring tours over the country, and who goes now to fill in a few weeks with Mr. Martin Harvey's *Breed of the Treshams'* Company.

My little story in *M. A. P.* showing how Mr. Lionel Mackinder, being humbugged as a new golfer as to rules by experienced companions, refused to replace the divots, because he thought that that was a trick upon him too, has brought me another divot anecdote of the humorous sort. The reader of *M. A. P.* who sends it to me does not give me any information as to the anecdote's age, and as the golf world is not one in which I work, I repeat it here with apologies in advance to the person or persons who may possibly have heard it before. An actor learning golf on the Brighton Downs, and doing considerable damage to the face of the earth in the process, asked his caddie what replacing the divots meant. The caddie explained that it meant replacing the turf; and a professional companion of the questioner, looking ruefully at the scarred epidermis, broke in uncharitably, "And under *certain* circumstances it means, of course, re-turfing the place!"

The general public will join particular friends in the wish that Mr. Lionel Monckton, the composer of so many successful scores for Mr. George Edwardes, and the giver thereby, of so much enjoyment to the supporters of the lighter department of the theatre, may speedily recover from the serious illness which has necessitated a long sea voyage. Mr. Monckton—who is the son of the late Sir John Monckton, for many years the Town Clerk of the City of London, and whose mother will always be remembered gratefully by playgoers for her finished and most dignified work in the "drawing-room melodrama" given some years ago by Mr. Beerbohm Tree at the Haymarket and by Mr. E. S. Willard at the Shaftesbury—was well-known in the musical (without the comedy) world before he worked his way into the Gaiety as a composer, at first, of "additional numbers." Few concerts at the Steinway Hall seemed "right" one fifteen years ago without Lionel Monckton at the piano, either as soloist or accompanist. For some few years Mr. Monckton acted now as musical and now as dramatic critic for the *Daily Telegraph*: but when the making of melody for Mr. George Edwardes became with the composer a serious and settled business, he naturally considered himself disqualified from passing public judgement on fellow musicians' work, and confined his critical ablities to the drama, finally abandoning this as well in the pursuance of his work at the Gaiety.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAM.]

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 19.

The Bombay current has strengthened in the Peninsula, where cloud and rainfall has increased, but there is little cloud outside this, except in Bengal, Assam and Burma.

The Eastern monsoon current has weakened slightly and there is no definite evidence of the existence of depression in the Bay.

In Burma light to moderate rain has fallen locally, the chief amounts being Mergui and Lashio 1 inch and Mandalay 2 inches.

Both cloud and humidity have diminished slightly and the skies are now only lightly to moderately overcast, while the temperature is normal or in excess.

In Assam there has been local rainfall and in Bengal there have been only a few light falls; Sibsagar had 3 inches, Silchar ½ inch and Saugor Island 1 inch.

Cloud has increased in Assam and the skies are heavily overcast, but both cloud and humidity have decreased over the rest of North-East India, and in Orissa the skies are clear or lightly overcast, except in Lower Bengal.

The tempeartare remains normal or in excess.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces, there has again been dry weather with clear skies.

Humidity has decreased in Central India and the Central Provinces and temperature has risen everywhere and is now approximately normal.

Except for a light fall of rain at Dwarka, the weather has been dry over the whole of North-West India.

The skies are still clear and humidity has decreased.

The temperature has continued to rise, but is still in slight defect.

In the Deccan and South India, excluding Malabar, local rainfall has occurred, the only heavy fall being 4 inches at Madras.

Both cloud and humidity have increased in the Southern half of the Peninsula, the Deccan and the Konkan Coast, and in these areas the skies have been generally heavily overcast, but elsewhere lightly clouded.

The temperature has fallen in the South East of the Madras Presidency where it is in defect, the greatest deficiency being at Madras, but in the rest of the Peninsula the weather has been warmer than usual.

Local rain is probable in Burma and in the Southern half of the Peninsula and some rain in Assam, Deltaic Bengal, the Konkan, Bombay, the Deccan and Hyderabad.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 20TH SEPT.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Outstanding crops benefiting by fine weather.

Bhatinda.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing and in flower.

Mooltan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants showing bolls. Cotton healthy. Food-grains doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Outstanding crops benefiting by fine weather.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants showing bolls.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing.

Amraoti.—Showery. Cotton plants want fine weather.

Khamgaon.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants in flower. Food-grains doing well.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. No further rain expected. All crops doing well.

Jalgaon.—Cotton plants showing bolls and crop excellent. Food-grains doing well. Considerable improvement in crops perceptible.

Broach.—Sunny, cloudy intervals. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing. Food-grains and all crops doing well.

Viramgam.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants flourishing. All crops doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Wadhwan.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants flourishing and in flowers. Crop prospects generally good.

Dholera.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing. All crops doing well.

Barsi.—Seasonable. Morning cold and dewy. Cotton plants show bolls, rapidly ripening. Cotton crop excellent and prospects much improved. Foodgrains doing well. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crops prospects generally good.

Sholapur.—Looks like clearing up. Food-grains doing well.

Hubli.—Continue cloudy with slight drizzle. Looks like rain. Seasonable. Crop prospects generally good.

Bellary.—Rain general over district Cotton sowing making good progress. Food-grains doing well.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 20TH.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has changed irregularly and by small amounts over the whole area.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been strong at Ratnagiri and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The variations show a defect of 5° to 10° in the maximum at Negapatam, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and Madras. The highest temperature in shade was 102° at Jacobabad and the lowest 66° at Bangalore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast over nearly the whole county lying to the South of Lattitude 19°.

Rain.—Thirteen stations report rain, the heaviest fall recorded being 3·71" at Madras.

Weather.—An area of abnormally low pressure over Ceylon and at and about Nagapatam and Coimbatore. Local showers are likely over the country lying to the South of Latitude 19° where weather conditions seem to be more favourable for rain than yesterday.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

POINTS OF VIEW.

ANY man who yearns for success can have it; he has simply to find out what the public wants, and go on giving it nothing but that.—A. St. John Adcock, in the *Young Man*.

It is only one woman in a thousand who looks charming with wind-tossed hair, and a Scoth mist is only endurable before one reaches the age of twenty.—*American Registers* (Paris).

There is an exceedingly able and responsible Press in the Commonwealth. But somehow the influences of climate and the environment generally have contributed to bring about a marked aboriginal note, so to speak, in a part of Australian newspaperdom.—*Daily News*.

The overcrowded state of the market for women's work appears to be the result partly of the desire of the better class of girls for the kind of trade which offers decent surroundings, partly of the various causes which tend to make women less skilled, and partly of their failure to combine.—*Academy*.

Unless public opinion intervenes to stem the tide of new subjects, and even to clean the slate of many of the present subjects, the work in our elementary schools must continue to be superficial and useless. The mere idea of an elementary teacher being expert at twenty or thirty subjects is ludicrous.—Board School Teacher, in the *Monthly Review*.

Most men or women who write English do so by instinct rather than by training. It is the eye of the reader, not the mind of the grammarian, which gives beauty to periods and grace to phrase. Correct English may be the most dismal thing in the world, and the most stilted. It is the rebel who breaks the rule and wakes the literature.—*Evening Standard*.

When the Holiday Season comes and puts an end to the Parliamentary Session; when Marienbad and Lucerne hold London, and London holds Boston; when the "locum tenens" reigns everywhere and the burglar gets his chance; then a horrible change comes over Great Britain's Press, and things are done and written in the name of journalism which are past men's understanding.—*English Mail* (Frankfort).

Of the fact that there is another side to the question of cheap labour than that which is illustrated by the "Song of the Shirt" Carlyle was evidently thinking when he wrote of "distressed needlewomen who cannot sew or be taught to do it; who, in private truth, are mutinous maidservants, come at last to the net upshot of their anarchies." Yet it may be better to err with Hood than to be right with Carlyle as to these things.—*Guardian*.

Every busy man should have a hobby to which he can devote his leisure; he should also have seasons for sport in the country, like hunting and fishing. A married man should spend more time with his family and in reading wholesome literature. Sunday, the best day of all for rest and recreation, is perhaps the most neglected. It is not only a religious duty to cease all labour every seventh day, but it is essential to the health and well-being of man. He will do better work and live longer.—Dr. S. T. Rucker (Chicago).

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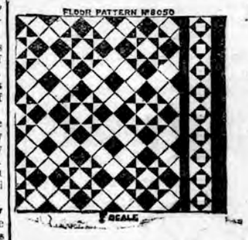

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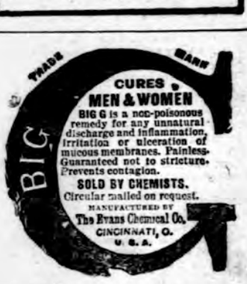

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